

Nurse Practitioners (National Affiliate) Membership Launch

Talking Points for AAP Staff and Member Leaders

February 2015

- The AAP recognizes the important contributions that nurse practitioners working in pediatric settings are making to advance child health, and is excited to welcome them, along with physician assistants, as Affiliate Members of the National AAP.
- The AAP membership overwhelmingly passed a bylaw referendum in the 2014 elections approving nurse practitioners working in pediatric settings to join as Affiliate Members.
- The AAP Board of Directors encourages all AAP members to encourage eligible nurse practitioners and physician assistants on their teams to join AAP so they will:
 - Have access to valuable resources to help with meeting continuing education requirements,
 - Keep informed on the latest advancements in the field of pediatrics,
 - Actively participate as advocates for children and child health, and
 - Gain access to the largest network of pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical subspecialists.
- Nurse practitioners can join the AAP as Affiliates if they meet the following criteria:
 - Have the signed endorsement of a current FAAP in good standing attesting to the fact that the applicant works as a member of a pediatric care team (included on the application form)
 - Have completed an accredited training program and are licensed and certified as a nurse practitioner
- The week of February 23rd, DOM will send an email to all AAP members encouraging them to promote Affiliate membership to the nurse practitioners and physician assistants on their pediatric teams.
- Eligible nurse practitioners and physician assistants will be non-voting members of the AAP, but eligible to serve on AAP committees, and participate in Sections and Councils. A full listing of benefits and privileges can be found here: <http://shop.aap.org/aap-membership/>
- Affiliate Membership dues are \$150. Nurse practitioners who are also a member of NAPNAP will receive an additional 10% discount off AAP dues.
- For more information on the newly expanded National Affiliate member category, visit the membership section on shop.aap.org or contact **Melissa Walling** (mwalling@aap.org; 847-434-4721) or **Tina Morton** (tmorton@aap.org; 847-434-7658).