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PA WEEK!

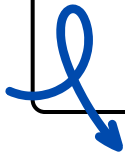
October 6 - 12th #PAsGoBeyond

Happy PA Week to all of the PAs across New Jersey!

This week, we celebrate the knowledge, compassion, leadership, and dedication you bring to your patients and communities every day. I am incredibly proud to represent such a talented and committed profession.

Thank you for the difference you make every day - and for continuing to advance the PA profession across our state. Happy PA week! We are proud to be PAs!

— Bethann Mercanti, DSc, PA-C,
DFAAPA, NJSSPA President



**PA Week discount code for 20% off
new membership and renewals!**

Enter PAWeek2026

Code expires Oct 13h at midnight!



upcoming EVENTS

Oct 6 - 12th

PA WEEK!!!

Oct 7th

NJSSPA Dinner Program

May 21-25 2027

AAPA Conference 2027

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS!



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Celebrating Advocacy Wins for New Jersey PAs

Thanks to the continued advocacy efforts of the New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants (NJSSPA) and engaged PA leaders across the state, several important legislative and regulatory advancements have moved forward over the past year:

🎉 **PA Licensure Compact Enacted** – New Jersey joined the **Interstate PA Licensure Compact**, helping improve mobility and access to care across state lines. NJSSPA advocacy helped secure passage of this landmark legislation.

🎉 **Medicaid Recognition for PAs** – After years of advocacy, PAs were approved as rendering providers under New Jersey Medicaid, a significant step in recognizing the value PAs provide to patients and communities.

🎉 **Physician Associate Title Change Legislation Advancing** – NJSSPA's top legislative priority, legislation to update the professional title from "Physician Assistant" to "Physician Associate," continues to advance in the Legislature. NJSSPA leaders have been actively meeting with legislators and advocating for passage.

🎉 **Expanded Inclusion of PAs in State Programs and Laws** – Through NJSSPA advocacy, PAs were explicitly included in several new laws, including:

The Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program

Lead screening requirements for pregnant patients

Authority to provide documentation supporting a student's need for home instruction due to health conditions

🎉 **Telehealth Wins for Patients and Providers** – New legislation extended key telehealth payment parity protections through 2027 and expanded telemedicine prescribing authorities for certain controlled substances, helping preserve access to care for New Jersey patients.

Your Voice Matters

Every one of these accomplishments happened because PAs showed up, shared their stories, testified, contacted legislators, and supported NJSSPA's advocacy efforts. As we celebrate PA Week, remember that the future of our profession depends on continued engagement. Whether you attend a legislative event, respond to an action alert, or become a grassroots advocate, your voice can help shape the next generation of opportunities for PAs in New Jersey. 💙💛

Together, we're not just advancing the profession, we're advancing patient care across New Jersey.