



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

### MEMORANDUM FOR ACC MEDICAL GROUP COMMANDERS

FROM: HQ ACC/SG  
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SUBJECT: New DoD/HA Policy on Waivers of Licensure Requirement for Military Physician Assistants (PAs)

1. Section 1094 of Title 10, United States Code, requires independently practicing health care professionals in the Military Health System to be licensed, unless the requirement is waived due to unusual circumstances. Because several states require PAs to be supervised by a physician with a license from the same state, DoD/HA will waive this requirement for licensure when specific criteria are met.
2. Waiver criteria include the military PA having successfully completed an accredited education program and passing of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination. The military PA must maintain that certification IAW the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants through the accumulation of 100 hours of approved continuing medical education every 2 years and the passage of the Physician Assistant National Recertifying Examination every 6 years.
3. These criteria are identical to those reviewed when privileges are initially granted or renewed. Therefore, any PA appropriately privileged within the Military Health System will be automatically granted a waiver. The waiver will be documented in the Centralized Credentials and Quality Assurance System (CCQAS) with the date of the waiver matching the date privileges were granted. Compliance will also be monitored through CCQAS.
4. ACC POC for this issue is Col Scott Van Valkenburg, [scott.vanvalkenburg@langley.af.mil](mailto:scott.vanvalkenburg@langley.af.mil), DSN 574-0163.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell J. Kilpatrick".

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