





What is a PA?

PAs (physician assistants) are nationally certified medical providers who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and often serve as a patient's primary healthcare provider.

PA Education

-  Trained in the **medical model**
-  Master's degree program
27 months (3 academic years)
-  **2,000 hours** of clinical rotations on average
-  **4 PA Programs in Minnesota** (1 additional program in development)

PAs in Minnesota



12.3%
practice in rural settings



150 practice-ready
PAs trained annually

10
MILLION

patients cared
for annually



BENEFITS OF IMPROVING PA PRACTICE LAWS

Modernization of Minnesota PA practice laws will improve access to team-based care.



PATIENTS

will have **greater access** to high-quality healthcare.



EMPLOYERS

will have **more flexibility** in determining healthcare teams.



LEGISLATORS

will see increased access and **lower Medicaid costs** in their states.



PHYSICIANS

will be **relieved of unnecessary** administrative and legal **burdens**.

SUPPORT FOR OPTIMAL TEAM PRACTICE

“The changes PAs are seeking represent a natural evolution of the PA profession. Patients, especially in rural and underserved areas, will benefit from greater access to the high-quality care that PAs provide.”

Bill Finerfrock, Executive Director
National Association of Rural Health Clinics

“Removing unnecessary restrictions on PA practice, such as eliminating the requirement for PAs to have an agreement with a specific physician in order to practice, would help alleviate healthcare shortages and improve efficiency with no adverse effects on patient outcomes.”

E. Kathleen Adams, Ph.D. and Sara Markowitz, Ph.D.
The Brookings Institution's Hamilton Project

“States should consider eliminating requirements for rigid collaborative practice and supervision agreements between physicians [...] and their care extenders (e.g., physician assistants [...]).”

Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition
The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Treasury, and Labor

