



Dear Colorado PAs,

In order to advance the practice of physician assistants and to assure high quality care and improved access, please, as soon as you can TODAY, send an email to legislators to advance support regarding HB21-1184, Physician Assistant Collaboration legislation.

Email members of the legislative committee as well as your legislators (don't know your legislators? Link below). Physicians from specialty societies and the CO Medical Society are flooding their email inboxes with "vote no" emails, stating that PAs are the reason for the opioid epidemic and how this bill will cause low-income patients and patients of color to see a lesser qualified provider.

Bill details

HB21-1184 is a **good piece of legislation** and does the following:

- Requires a PA to have a formal collaborative agreement with a physician for the first 5,760 hours (three years) of practice out of PA school
- Requires an informal collaborative agreement with a physician after the first three years. This means that a PA will refer a patient to a physician if the patient's condition is beyond the scope of a PA
- Requires an additional 3,840 hours (two years) of formal collaboration for any PA who changes specialty
- Make sure to write that THIS BILL DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN EMPLOYER FROM REQUIRING MORE FORMAL COLLABORATION IF THEY THINK THE PA NEEDS IT.
- **Want more info? Go here:**
 - <https://yourpacan.org/support-colorado-pas/>
 - <http://ufcw7.org/files/2021/03/HB21-1184-PA-Collaboration-Reimbursement-3.5.21.pdf>

How to address legislator in an email

In your email, tell the addressed legislator the following (emails at bottom of this email):

- Introduce yourself, where you work (but you are not speaking on behalf of the organization that you work for) and how long you've been practicing.
- Briefly explain the bill (see above)
- Discuss how you have a strict clinical, and safety standards and that you are regulated by the CO Medical Board
- Explain how the bill will increase access to more affordable, quality care
- Explain how this bill improves your ability to practice to the full extent of your scope

- Discuss how the bill will ensure that PAs will always collaborate with a physician on cases where PAs have questions and that PAs will refer the patient to a physician if their condition is beyond the scope of PA practice

Sample Introductory Text: Dear Representative (last name of legislator), I am writing today to ask you to support HB21-1184, Physician Assistant Collaboration. This bill will (explain what it does). Then write why this is a good bill working from the talking points provided above.

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