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Dear Messrs. Gilreath and Godkins

The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs for the Assistant to the Primary Care Physician met on January 19, 1973 and reaffirmed its vote of October 6-7, 1972 to solicit as a full collaborating member of the Joint Review Committee a physician's assistant organization that is broadly representative of assistants to primary care physicians. As you may know, each collaborating organization is represented in the Committee by two members and an alternate. A roster of the present membership is attached.

The proposed merger of the American Academy of Physician's Associates and the American College of Physician's Assistants, if accomplished, would provide the kind of broad representation of practicing assistants to primary care physicians and physician's assistant educators the Joint Review Committee wishes to have in its own membership. In the event a merger does not occur, the Joint Review Committee would proceed to appoint three (3) physician's assistants to the Committee as members-at-large, without regard to their affiliation with professional organizations.

Timing is a significant factor in either of the above actions. As a consequence, we would appreciate an expression of your organizations' interests in the first alternative. In the event these are positive, action would be deferred on the second alternative, pending the outcome of the proposed merger.

The members of the Joint Review Committee anticipate that their respective organizations would approve the Committee's recommendation to invite an organization of physician's assistants to membership in the Committee. And if merger occurs, the new organization could expect to receive within the following weeks an invitation to become a collaborating organization within the Joint Review Committee. Official sanction of the boards of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians,

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and the American Society of Internal Medicine would be required before extending the formal invitation. These boards will be meeting from late February until May. We would keep you advised of their actions on this matter as they occurred.

It is possible in this series of contingencies that the new physician's assistant organization could have its representatives to the Joint Review Committee selected in time for them to begin their membership in the Committee with its next meeting on June 7 and 8, 1973. The following meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September.

We would appreciate your comment on these ideas and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Cordially



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## CHART OF COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

*The AMA Council on Medical Education and its Advisory Committee on Education for the Allied Health Professions and Services collaborate with the sponsoring organizations concerned (the medical specialty societies listed) for the accreditation of educational program for the Assistant to the Primary Care Physician. The collaborating organizations appoint representatives to a Joint Review Committee (to evaluate educational programs) and will be asked to appoint a representative to serve on the Panel of Consultants to the Council's Advisory Committee (to assist in determination of Council policy for allied health). This collaborative relationship is charted below.*

### The Collaborating Organizations

