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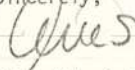
MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAMS

Enclosed is material for your information regarding accreditation of physician assistant programs. The AMA has expressed some reservations about these developments, but we have discussed this and they should be cooperative.

Recruitment letters have gone out and Sue Greenberg will send you a copy in her next mailing. Naturally, we are encouraging as many programs as possible to seek membership in the Association.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Alfred M. Sadler, Jr., M.D.
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Enclosure



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Dear Dr. Sadler:


Dr. Marland has referred your December 4 letter on behalf of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs to me for reply.

As you may know, the Office of Education received a petition from the Council on Medical Education, American Medical Association, to expand its scope of recognition to include accreditation of educational programs for the assistant to the primary care physician. Upon recommendation of his Advisory Committee on Accreditation and Institutional Eligibility, the Commissioner of Education notified the Council on July 10, 1972, of his decision to defer consideration of the Council's request until further study of the physician's assistant field could be conducted. The issues which you have raised concerning the expansion of the review process for this field are relevant to our review of the physician's assistant area, and we will therefore invite the Council on Medical Education to comment on your letter.

The American Academy of Physicians' Associates has also corresponded with Dr. Marland concerning the accreditation process for education of the assistant to the primary care physician. As a second step in our review of this area, we shall call a meeting of representatives of your organization, the American Academy of Physicians' Associates, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Medical Association, and other appropriate groups to secure further information for study.

Thank you for bringing the concerns of the Association of Physician Assistant Program to our attention. I shall let you know when arrangements for a meeting to discuss the physician's assistant area are underway.

Sincerely yours,


John R. Proffitt, Director
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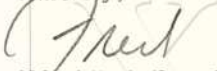
Dear John:

Thank you for your response to my letter to Dr. Marland regarding the accreditation of physician assistant programs. The Association of Physician Assistant Programs is encouraged by your position. We would be very happy to meet with you as you suggest in your letter to explore this matter further.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding meeting dates.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Sidney Marland