

State Affiliate Policy

State Affiliate Rules

All SDPA State Affiliates must follow the following rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are subject to change by SDPA Board vote at the SDPA's discretion. All State Affiliates must:

1. Offer Fellow members of the SDPA a Fellow member style membership option. Meaning there should be a membership category for Derm PAs working with board certified/eligible dermatologists.
2. Have a minimum of 5 Board members at all times.
3. Ensure all Board members of the State Affiliate are Fellow members of the SDPA in good standing at all times (SDPA membership should not lapse).
4. Must submit Affiliate Bylaws for review and approval upon application to become a State Affiliate.
5. Notify the SDPA immediately should the Affiliate make changes to their Bylaws which alter their mission and vision, so they no longer align with the SDPA.
6. Along with its members, be willing to uphold the principals and purposes for which the SDPA was founded.
7. SDPA believes that State Affiliates should adopt a code of ethics. In an effort to maintain one standard of ethical behavior for the profession, State Affiliates are strongly advised to utilize the Code of Ethics for the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants.
8. Complete the annual State Affiliate Update Form and notify SDPA staff immediately when Affiliate leadership and contact details change.
9. Provide benefits to their members. If funds are being taken, benefits and return on those funds must be provided as outlined by corporate law in the state the Affiliate is domiciled in.
10. File taxes and maintain all reporting requirements necessary with Federal and State authorities governing nonprofits.

SDPA shall review the recognition of each State Affiliate annually and make recommendations to the SDPA Board for its consideration.

If the above requirements and actions are not adhered to yearly, the SDPA State Affiliate will be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to:

1. Being placed on probationary status. During probationary period, the Affiliate website link on Dermpa.org may be removed or deactivated at the SDPA's discretion.
2. Removing any mention of your State Affiliate from dermpa.org until corrective action is taken.
3. Discontinuing the State Affiliate's recognition status with the SDPA entirely. In this instance the Affiliate would have to resubmit as a new State Affiliate once corrective actions have been taken.

Relationship to SDPA

As outlined in the Affiliate Organizational Agreement, a State Affiliate of the SDPA is an independent affiliate dermatology physician assistant organization. This SDPA policy and the Affiliate Organization

Agreement, in no way creates a partnership, joint venture, or other corporate structure between the two organizations. Each Party governs and controls its own activities and remain solely responsible for its own liabilities and assets.

An officially recognized State Affiliate shall be defined as a group of physician assistants in dermatology that joins together in an association that represents dermatology and that meets the criteria for recognition as proven by their accepted application to SDPA.

The SDPA reserves the right to charter State Affiliates in the future.

Startup Funding Benefit

Upon approval of a new State Affiliate organization meeting all requirements, the affiliate will be eligible to receive a one-time \$500 benefit from SDPA to assist with startup costs. State Affiliates who were placed on probationary status or discontinued their relationship with SDPA will not be considered a new affiliate that is eligible for this benefit when they reapply to restore that status. The SDPA Board may elect to make an exception for returning organizations that never received the benefit originally and are in need of it now and/or organizations that are for all intents and purposes starting over after a significant period of inactivity.