

NAPPP Political Action Committee

It is no secret or surprise that in order to get something done in our political system one must get the attention of legislators. That, colleagues, can only be done with money. Many politicians have a saying, "**Money is the mother's milk of politics.**" NAPPP has formulated an assertive legislative and legal agenda to move practice forward. This is why we exist and what practitioners have been demanding. Instead of just collecting money into a fund and dispersing it, NAPPP will solicit funds for dedicated political and legal activities so we can focus on change that will significantly alter the practice environment. The following are what we see as activities that are more likely to advance practice in a significant way. Contributors will be able to decide what activity they want their money to support. The following are the primary activities that we will fund through NAPPP-PAC.

1. **Challenge** in Federal court the requirement that governmental agencies, such as the Veteran's administration, that prevents licensed psychologist practitioners whose doctoral program was not APA approved. The state license should be the criteria and not the criteria of a voluntary organization. Too many practitioners are being denied the ability for employment throughout many federal and state organizations. This must be stopped.
2. **Support RxP legislation.** RxP legislation, whether one agree or disagrees with the concept, is the one proficiency that will separate doctoral level practitioners from master level counselors. We need to take back practice and stop giving it away. Right now master level counselors are being allowed to provide services in the VA and soon Medicare will also authorize them to get reimbursement. No one can stop this but we can get ourselves in a position where we regain being the premier providers of all mental health services. We must control all aspects of treatment to compete!
3. **Influence national healthcare reform.** It's coming and practitioners need to have the needs of our patients and our needs heard. Psychologists were left out of Medicare for many years and we still are at a disadvantage. We cannot let this happen again. If we do, master level practitioners will take your practice from you. If there are any doubts about this, look at where we are today.
4. **Support local legislation and candidates.** We must support legislation and candidates that are good for practice. We must also be in a position to influence legislation that negatively impacts practice. Every profession supports their cause and that is why counselors, social workers, and every other group has jumped ahead of psychologists. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. Contributions are now needed. NAPPP already has funded up to our legal limit. It is now your turn to protect your practice.

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Contribution Amount: \$ _____

Profession: _____

Activity to fund:

1. Legal challenges to federal and state employment rules against hiring psychologists _____
2. Support RxP legislation _____
3. Influence national healthcare reform _____
4. Support local legislation and candidates _____
5. All of the above _____

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