

FAQS

a) Will organizations need to immediately replace all signage and materials?

No. Most organizations will implement changes gradually during normal update cycles.

b) Will reimbursement or payer enrollment change?

Current guidance indicates no anticipated changes to reimbursement eligibility or payer participation due solely to title modernization.

c) Will patients be confused?

Some patients may initially be unfamiliar with the title. Clear communication and consistent messaging can help reduce confusion.

d) Can organizations continue using “Physician Assistant” during transition?

Yes. Many organizations may use both titles during implementation.

e) Can organizations choose their own implementation timeline?

Yes. Organizations may implement updates according to operational readiness, system capabilities, budgeting cycles, credentialing timelines, and internal approval processes. Immediate system-wide updates are not required.

f) Are organizations legally required to replace all existing materials immediately?

No. Many organizations will transition materials gradually over time, including badges, signage, websites, templates, and printed materials.

g) Can “Physician Assistant” and “Physician Associate” be used simultaneously?

Yes. During transition periods, organizations may use: Physician Assistant, Physician Associate, Physician Assistant/Associate, and PA, depending on operational and communication needs. This is especially important for payer systems and credentialing platforms that may still utilize older terminology.