

## **Latest News on PAs Owning Businesses in Idaho**

As most of you know, the IAPA board, PAs who own the majority of their medical businesses and the AAPA have been diligently working with the Idaho Board of Medicine to amend legislation regarding PAs owning the majority of a medical clinic or business in Idaho. The controversy stems from the Corporate Practice of Medicine Act and the Idaho Medical Practice Act.

The Board of Medicine plans to introduce legislation next fall. Last month, the BOM's lawyer re-created draft legislation amending current laws again stating that a PA can own 49% of a medical business, but added "can own the building and lease it out;" However, a physician or group of physicians must own the majority of the practice. In their current draft, PAs that have a business contracting services to hospitals and physicians to perform history and physicals and first assisting is included in this 49% limit.

The IAPA board and other members, the PAs who own the majority of their businesses, and the AAPA came together again, created and gave reports, and two owners presented on a more personal level to the BOM at their meeting last Friday. The IAPA board, with the help of the AAPA Governmental Affairs Staff, Ann Davis and Stephanie Radix, hired local legal counsel to assist us as we move forward with this endeavor. The Board of Medicine decided to send this back to the sub-committee to once again see if together everyone involved could come up with legislation we can all stand behind.