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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PREVENTION • EDUCATION
EARLY DETECTION • BETTER OUTCOMES

STATEMENT ON
BREAST CANCER PREVENTION & EARLY DETECTION

PAs for Women Empowerment recognizes the importance of breast health education, prevention, and early detection in improving health outcomes for women and individuals at risk for breast cancer.

Access to accurate, age-appropriate education empowers individuals to understand their personal risk factors, recognize potential warning signs, and make informed decisions about their health. Regular conversations with healthcare professionals, appropriate screening based on individual risk, and timely evaluation of breast changes are important components of comprehensive breast health care.

Physician associates (PAs) play a vital role in promoting breast health awareness, educating patients about screening recommendations, identifying risk factors, and helping individuals navigate diagnostic evaluations and treatment when needed. Through patient education, community outreach, and collaboration with other healthcare professionals, PAs can help reduce barriers to care and support earlier diagnosis.

PAs for Women Empowerment emphasizes the importance of equitable access to breast health education, evidence-based screening, genetic counseling and risk assessment when indicated, and timely follow-up care. Particular attention should be given to underserved communities and individuals who face financial, geographic, or other barriers to preventive services.

SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, PAWE supports active federal legislation that increases awareness and highlights educational needs and disparity gaps including:

- **The Know Your Risk Act (H.R. 10763)** – a bill introduced on October 6, 2026, to require a report on breast cancer risk assessment tools.
- **H.R. 4541** – the **EARLY Act Reauthorization of 2025** – a bipartisan bill that passed the U.S. House on July 20, 2026, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 27, 2026, to strengthen breast cancer screening, education, and health initiatives across the United States.

Every individual deserves the knowledge, resources, and opportunity to prioritize their breast health.

By advancing education, promoting early detection, and supporting equitable access to care, we can help improve outcomes and empower women to take an active role in their health and well-being.

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Healthier Women. Stronger Communities.