

## MEDICAL EXCUSES – PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANT

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Do any of you accept notes from Physician Assistants for medical excuses?

1	Sherry Spears	Not in Fresno and boy do we hear from them from time to time about how we should!! But we're not budging
2	Diana Gifford-Tuggle	Shasta County does
3	Stacy Warner	Trinity usually would not but sometimes I will call the Dr's office to confirm, and then it would only be good temporarily
4	Richard Goldner	Venture we only accept doctor's notes signed by a licensed doctor or nurse practitioner. (Not from a nurse, receptionist or medical assistant.)
5	Elizabeth Renteria	Contra Costa accepts notes from PA's
6	Alison Blackwell	San Diego - For what it's worth, the American Academy of Physician Assistants defines Physician Assistants as follows:  "Physician assistants are certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) – a mark of professional accomplishment – and state-licensed. They are health professionals who practice medicine as members of a team with their supervising physicians. PAs deliver a broad range of medical and surgical services to diverse populations in rural and urban settings. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications."
7	Carol Sharek	Tehama is the same as Trinity County
8	Theda Kaelin	Orange County does accept notes from Physician Assistants for medical excuses
9	Dolores Curiel	Merced County does as well
10	Morgann Halencak	Mariposa County does.
11	Arlene Cervantes	Riverside, although this is rare, we have excused jurors when a PA signs, as long as it is on a letterhead or prescription pad from the doctor's office.
12	Debbie Jurevich	The same applies to San Benito County
13	Diane Collins	Mendocino County accepts notes from PA or NP for temporary excuses only, not a permanent excuse
14	Edwina Harper	Yolo County we would only grant the juror a 90-day postponement, which would then allow them more time to acquire a doctor's letter for longer or permanent excuse requests.
15	Lynda Pierini	Madera does accept