

## **FAQ's about NMPS (New Mexico Chapter of the AAP) membership.**

**Q: Is membership in the NMPS automatic for national AAP members?**

**A:** No. In the AAP, you can be a member of national and not your state Chapter, and vice versa. The overwhelming majority of our members are members of both: but we do have some members who belong to the Chapter but not to national.

**Q: Do I need to be board certified in pediatrics to join the NMPS?**

**A:** No. Board certification is not required to join the Chapter. However, you do need board certification in pediatrics to join the national AAP.

**Q: What are the categories of membership at the NMPS?**

**A:** The Chapter has the following member categories: Physician (MD and DO), Associate Member (pediatric dentist), Chapter Affiliate (pediatric nurse, CNP, PA), Resident, Retired, Honorary and Emeritus.

**Q: What is the difference between a Fellow and a Candidate Fellow at the national level?**

**A:** A Fellow is board certified in pediatrics and receives the following benefits:

- ◆ holding a national office position
- ◆ voting
- ◆ using the 'FAAP' designation
- ◆ receiving a membership certificate
- ◆ complimentary AAP manuals

A Candidate Fellow is not yet board-certified, but has completed a pediatric residency. Candidate Fellows have 7 years before they are required to become board-certified.

**Q: How do I become a Fellow of the national AAP?**

**A:** One must be board-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

**Q: How long does it take to process an application for Full Fellow status?**

**A:** After the application, initiation fee and two sponsoring statements are received, it is a 4-month approval process.

**Q: How do I pay my Chapter dues?**

**A:** Dues are paid to the national AAP office for individuals who belong to national and their Chapter. Members who belong only to their Chapter and not national are called "Chapter Affiliates". The national office can then bill Chapter Affiliates for Chapter dues. Once the national AAP collects Chapter dues, the funds are then forwarded to the Chapter office in Albuquerque.

**Q: Can I pay my dues by credit card?**

**A:** Yes, provided you pay them to the national AAP office via the web at [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org). If you choose to pay your Chapter dues separately, you can download the application at [www.nmpeds.org](http://www.nmpeds.org)

**Q: Can Nurses and Physician Assistants join the Chapter?**

**A:** Yes, they can join the Chapter as Affiliates.