PLA Submission Platform to CPT® Smart App Transition

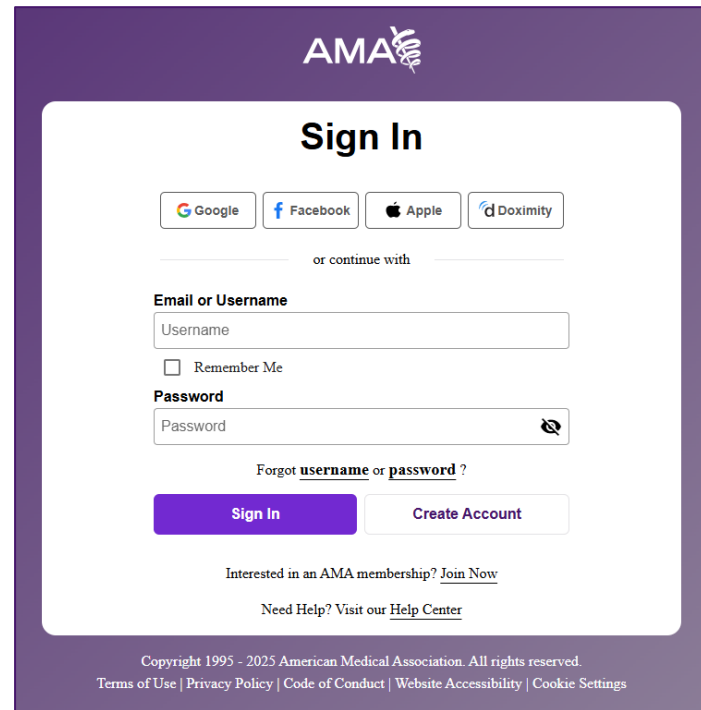### November 2025

What's changing and why

- The American Medical Association (AMA) is migrating the Proprietary Laboratory Analyses (PLA) Code Change Application process from the current PLA platform to the CPT® Smart App.

- The consolidation to the CPT Smart App provides numerous benefits, including:
  - Enhanced guidance and instructions throughout the PLA submission process through detailed application questions and instructional videos.
  - Robust code construction and rationale functionalities.
  - Streamlined application intake and review for AMA's CPT Staff and Panel Reviewers.
  - Improved communication of PLA submission deadlines and important dates.
  - Increased transparency and awareness for PLA Interested Parties.
  - Strengthened accuracy and efficacy of PLA code change requests.

- Primary PLA requirements, the application review process, and PLA cycles are not changing as part of this migration.

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Key migration dates

- Starting on Dec. 11, 2025, all new PLA code change applications will need to be submitted via the CPT® Smart App.
    - Any previously drafted or already submitted applications will remain accessible for reference or download until Jan. 12, 2026.
    - Applications submitted for the current PLA cycle (via the PLA Platform) will not be affected and will be reviewed (or withdrawn, if necessary).

- On Jan. 13, 2026, all traffic to the PLA Platform will be redirected to CPT Smart App and the PLA Platform will no longer be accessible.
    - Any previously drafted or already submitted applications in the PLA Platform will no longer be accessible.
    - The AMA will retain all PLA code change applications that have been reviewed by the CPT Editorial Panel in previous cycles and any PLA code change applications created in the PLA Platform in 2025 (including drafts or submissions).

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How do I access the CPT® Smart App?

- Access to the [CPT Smart App](#)
- Existing AMA Account credentials can be used (same username and password that would be used to log into the PLA Platform)
  - **Don't have an AMA account?** Select "Create a free account" and follow the instructions on the screen.
  - **Forgot your username or password?** Click "Forgot Username or Password" to recover your information.

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How do I access the CPT® Smart App?

- First time users of the CPT Smart App will need to sign a required "End User License Agreement", as depicted below. You will only need to attest this agreement on your first login.

Carefully read the following terms and conditions. Clicking the "Agree" button on your screen acknowledges your acceptance of these terms and conditions.

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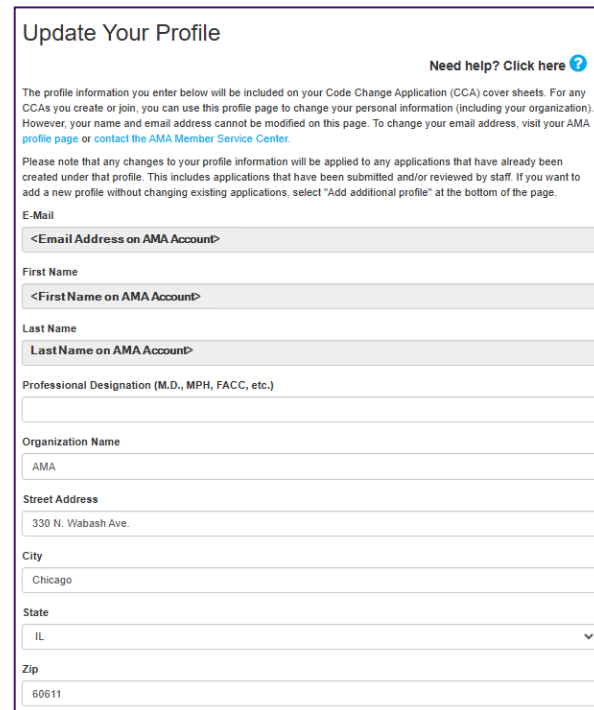
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Information submitted through the CPT Smart App and this website may be accessed by CPT staff, the CPT Editorial Panel, the CPT/HCPAC Advisors, members of the CPT Advisory Committees, and other interested parties in connection with the review, evaluation and approval of applications for addition, deletion and revision of CPT codes, guidelines and modifiers.

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Image source: CPT Smart App End User License Agreement

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How do I access the CPT® Smart App?

- First time users of the CPT Smart App will also need to create a CPT Smart App profile.
  - o Your previous profile for the PLA Platform will not carry over to the CPT Smart App.
  - o This profile is separate from your AMA Account login and is specific to the CPT Smart App.
  - o You will only need to create a profile on your first login. However, you may update it at any time.
  - o If you need to change your email, first name, or last name, which are controlled by your AMA account, refer the help resources on the last slide of this PowerPoint.

Update Your Profile

Need help? Click here ?

The profile information you enter below will be included on your Code Change Application (CCA) cover sheets. For any CCAs you create or join, you can use this profile page to change your personal information (including your organization). However, your name and email address cannot be modified on this page. To change your email address, visit your AMA profile page or contact the AMA Member Service Center.

Please note that any changes to your profile information will be applied to any applications that have already been created under that profile. This includes applications that have been submitted and/or reviewed by staff. If you want to add a new profile without changing existing applications, select "Add additional profile" at the bottom of the page.

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Image source: CPT Smart App Update Your Profile Page

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How do I use the CPT® Smart App?

1. Training tutorials regarding the CPT Smart App and the CPT code change application process can be found on [this AMA webpage](#) and on the Smart App "Applicant/Preparer Dashboard".

2. Information on CPT Smart App specific processes, as well as FAQs, can also be found on the Smart App Dashboard's "How does it work" button.

3. Help videos are available most CPT Smart App pages, which provide additional context for that respective page in the CPT Smart App.

Image source: CPT Smart App Applicant/Preparer Portal

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How do I use the CPT® Smart App?

- To start a PLA code change application, choose the Proprietary Laboratory Analyses option in the Application Type dropdown and enter an application name.

- Key announcements, submission deadlines, and CPT Editorial Panel Meeting dates can be found on the right side of the Dashboard.

- View the help video on the Dashboard page for additional details on viewing and editing your code change applications.

Image source: CPT Smart App Applicant/Preparer Portal

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Additional Considerations

The PLA Platform shall continue to be the (only) method of PLA code change application submissions until Dec. 11, in which the CPT® Smart App will then become the new, mandatory pathway for submissions.

Any code change applications created in the PLA Platform cannot be transferred or used in the CPT Smart App but can still be downloaded in the PLA Platform until Jan. 12, 2026.

For the best experience, use Google Chrome to access the CPT Smart App. Internet Explorer is no longer supported and may cause issues. The CPT Smart App is not optimized for tablets or mobile devices.

Any drafts in the CPT Smart App are only available to the Applicants and Preparers that are a part of a given application. No outside parties, including AMA's CPT Staff, can view or edit draft applications until they are submitted.

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Additional resources

- [PLA Codes Overview](#) (includes PLA meeting registration, agenda, etc.)
- [PLA requirements tutorial](#)
- [PLA Frequently Asked Questions](#) (incl. details on Smart App transition)
- [PLA Editorial Panel Meeting dates and calendar](#)

- [CPT Code Change Applications via the Smart App](#)
- [CPT overview and code approval](#)
- [CPT Interested Party Process](#)

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Who can I contact for help?

Please contact ccappsubmit@Z.ama-assn.org for CPT® Smart App technical assistance or questions regarding the PLA code change application transition to the CPT Smart App.

For questions regarding the PLA code change application requirements or the PLA process, contact PLAsupport@ama-assn.zendesk.com.

For login related issues, such as resetting usernames or passwords, please Call the AMA Unified Service Center at 800 262-3211 from 8:30 AM until 4:45 PM CST (Monday-Friday) or email MOSupport@ama-assn.org for assistance.

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