

Michigan Moves Better with Physical Therapy Top Legislative Issues

Thank You for Passing these Important Bills!

- Public Act 47 of 2022 making PTs/PTAs Mandatory Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect
- Public Act 60 of 2022 establishing standardized parameters for health insurers and their utilization review entities for benefit pre-authorizations

We Need Your Help! Please Support These Issues!

Physical Therapy Interstate Licensure Compact (PTLC)

- Allow Michigan to join the National PT Compact ([Information about the PT Compact](#))
 - Increases Michigan's PT business friendliness perception for national job applicants
 - Helps meet workforce needs across the state
 - Provides greater consumer access to physical therapy care
- Joining the Compact **DOES NOT** change the practice requirements for PTs/PTAs asking to practice here in Michigan
 - PTs/PTAs interested in practicing in Michigan must follow Michigan's Practice Act, pass the jurisprudence exam and fulfill the Human Trafficking and Implicit Bias requirements.

Unrestricted Direct Access to Physical Therapy Services

- Goals of proposed legislative bill:
 - Remove requirement for physician prescription prior to physical therapist treatment.
- Published facts supporting Direct Access
 - Forty-eight states and DC have direct consumer access for treatment by a PT.
 - Direct consumer access does not increase cost.
 - There is no relationship between direct consumer access and PT malpractice claims.
 - All licensed physical therapists have graduated from accredited programs by the CAPTE*.
 - Physical therapists determine a physical therapy diagnosis (not a medical diagnosis).
 - Physical therapists have 3 years of musculoskeletal evaluation and management training. Non-orthopedic physicians have considerably less training.
 - No evidence exists of misdiagnosis or harm when accessing treatment from a physical therapist.

No Fault Insurance Revisions

- The modified reimbursement schedules proposed would allow for increased coverage of services prior to reaching the current 55% cap for rehabilitation and caregiving services.
 - Especially important for those catastrophically injured in auto accidents after the changes to the No-Fault Auto Reform law went into effect July 2, 2021. Their care will be dramatically impacted with the current law that is in place.

Telehealth Accessibility and Reimbursement

- Allow for greater accessibility across the state for physical therapy services by reimbursing telehealth visits provided by physical therapists, especially needed in our more rural or inner-city areas.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. If you have any questions, please contact the APTA Michigan Legislative Director, Abigail Skallerud abigail.skallerud@gmail.com and/or the APTA Michigan Lobbyist, Evie Sweeney ESweeney@mhsa.com.