

NYPTA Legislative Plan - - 2016

1. Excessive Co-pays. NYPTA will continue to pursue legislation which would reduce copayments for physical therapy care. NYPTA will aggressively pursue passage of legislation and other efforts to halt the practice of excessive co - pays. This legislation will include eliminating arrangements for disproportionate tiered copayments based on the type of facility in which physical therapy services are provided.
2. Referral for Profit. NYPTA will pursue legislation that limits referral for profit and will develop a strategy that closes existing loopholes in current NYS laws that permit referral-for-profit (POPTS) arrangements.
3. Workers Compensation. NYPTA will continue to pursue legislation which will include the services of a physical therapist assistant as a covered service for purposes of the workers' compensation system. NYPTA will continue to meet periodically with the Workers' Compensation Board to discuss outstanding issues and monitor and provide feedback to the Workers' Compensation Board throughout the Workers' Compensation medical fee schedule review process.
4. Early Intervention. NYPTA will continue to monitor any and all changes to the Early Intervention (EI) Program in New York State. NYPTA will advocate for past payments to EI providers that were negatively impacted by the change to a State fiscal agent. NYPTA will continue to meet with the Department of Health and other stakeholders to analyze data related to the EI program in an effort to improve efficiency, cost effectiveness, quality, and access to services for children in need.
5. Title Protection. NYPTA will continue to pursue legislation protecting the terms DPT and Doctor of Physical Therapy in order to protect the public by reducing potential confusion as well as limiting misuse of the terms by individuals who are not licensed physical therapists.
6. State Budget. NYPTA will monitor the budget process and oppose budget proposals that have a negative impact on the physical therapy profession.
7. NYPTA will continue to oppose the corporate practice of the profession and legislation which would negatively impact the physical therapy scope of practice. NYPTA will continue to monitor and provide input on legislation that would allow licensure of Athletic Trainers, Naturopathic Physicians, and Recreation Therapists, as well as services provided by Massage Therapists under the Workers' Compensation System.
8. The Advisory Panel on Legislation in conjunction with the lobbyist will develop legislative language to allow unrestricted direct access of the consumer to physical therapy services and to allow physical therapists to order diagnostic testing, to include, but not be limited to, imaging.

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