

NYPTA Legislative Plan - - 2017

1. Excessive Co-pays. NYPTA will develop modernized legislation and other initiatives to extinguish the practice of excessive insurance copayment and/or deductible assignment for physical therapist services. These efforts will also 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 develop and pursue legislation to limit referral for profit by requiring enhanced transparency of physician ownership in ancillary services and to restrict the practice of conditioning a referral for physical therapy on where the services will be performed
3. Insurance Transparency and Adequacy. NYPTA will work with the Insurance Division of NYS Department of Financial Services, and if necessary introduce legislation, to ensure payor transparency in coverage of physical therapist services and to safeguard consumers against inappropriate coverage limitations.
4. 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.
5. Workers Compensation. NYPTA will continue to pursue legislation requiring coverage of the services of a physical therapist assistant practicing under the physical therapist within the workers' compensation system. NYPTA will continue to advocate for issues related to the severely outdated and inadequate Workers' Compensation medical fee schedule.
6. State Budget. NYPTA in conjunction with the lobbyist will monitor the budget process and oppose budget proposals that have a negative impact on the physical therapy profession.
7. 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. NYPTA will continue to oppose the corporate practice of the profession and legislation which would negatively impact the physical therapy scope of practice.
8. Practice Act Advancement: NYPTA will create a taskforce to determine opportunities and barriers related to an updated Physical Therapist Practice Act. The work of this group will help to guide APOL and chapter leadership in crafting a contemporary practice act consistent with current and future physical therapist practice.