



BOARD REPORT

Office, Committee or SIG: Policy & Payment	
Submitted by: Ellen R Strunk	Date: June 18, 2022
Please list your accomplishments since the last report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2021 through current: Participated as Liaison in Governmental Affairs Committee meetings. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2021: Notified BCBS of Alabama would no longer pay for dry needling services when provided by a physical therapist. Partnered with the Chiropractor Advisory Committee to BCBS to advocate against the policy. Met with BCBS Physician Advisory Group on 6/29/21. Presented evidence to support our position that physical therapists were appropriate providers of dry needling, and the efficacy of the treatment intervention. BCBS confirmed their position but noted they would welcome new research and be willing to revisit their decision. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2021: Annual meeting with BCBS of Alabama. Presented licensee concerns and questions. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2022 Conference: Presented Billing and Practice Updates for 2021-2022. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor relevant payment and policy issues and information shared by APTA and pass it on to ALAPTA to inform members. This year has included: advocacy for legislation to prevent implementation of Part B cuts, PTA differential, telehealth laws, and sequestration; Palmetto GBA payment issues; ongoing updates related to the PHE. 	