

DIRECT ACCESS TO PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

PETITION

Would you like to have direct access to physical therapy services?

APTA Alabama plans to submit a bill to the Alabama legislature, which would allow direct access to physical therapy (PT) services.

This would mean a patient could walk directly into a PT clinic and receive a PT examination and treatment without having to first see a physician.

Who are Physical Therapists (PTs)?

- PTs are movement experts who team with Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) to treat patients of all ages and abilities.
- PTs are licensed health care providers.
- PTs use non-invasive exams and procedures to:
 - Maximize your movement
 - Avoid surgery and prescription drugs
 - Manage pain and chronic conditions
 - Improve physical function and fitness

Is direct access to physical therapy safe?

- States that have full direct access have shown no increase in malpractice insurance claims due to physical therapy.
- Physical Therapists have the knowledge to screen for conditions, diseases, and disorders not appropriate for PT treatment, and to refer these to the appropriate health care provider.

DIRECT ACCESS to PT

1. Decreases health care costs
2. Decreases the time to receive appropriate care
3. Gives consumers more choice when making decisions about their health care

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FOLLOW THE QR CODE BELOW TO TELL YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS THAT YOU WANT DIRECT ACCESS TO PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES.

