

TAKE ACTION: Medicare Part B Therapy Caps

Attention: ASHT Members

As many of you are aware, healthcare reform has received increasing attention within the last year. Much of the discussion of change will have a significant impact on the practice of occupational and physical therapy. As of January 1, 2010, the Medicare Part B therapy caps went into place. These caps limit the amount of occupational and physical services that can be provided and essentially ration care to patients in dire need of therapy services.

As an organization we have time to influence this legislation that directs these therapy caps. Now is the time to contact your Senator and/or representative. Individually and collectively we can call for a repeal, reversal and/or extension of these therapy caps. The federal affairs staff in our parent organizations (AOTA/APTA) are aggressively working to repeal the cap or extend the exceptions process and your help is needed to force Congress to address this important issue. It is imperative for the profession and our patients, who truly need these essential services, that we act now. We anticipate that we must act within the next two weeks to make a difference.

Please see the links below to learn more and contact your Senators and Representative today.

American Society of Hand Therapists
<http://www.asht.org/practicemgmt/toolbox.cfm>

American Occupational Therapy Association
<http://vocusgr.vocus.com/GRSPACE2/WebPublish/Controller.aspx?SiteName=AOTA&Definition=ViewIssue&IssueID=6498>

American Physical Therapy Association
http://www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Therapy_Cap&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=188&ContentID=18639

Alternatively, you can contact

AOTA/AOTPA via Vocus System
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Thank you for taking the time to help ASHT, AOTA and APTA address this extremely important piece of legislation. Your voice matters!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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