



American Physical Therapy Association of Massachusetts

Welcome to the second Public Policy Newsletter. Our committee continues to deal with all issues related to legislative, payment, reimbursement, insurance and political action committee activities. We look forward to hearing from you:

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PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL

PT Day on the Hill

(147) PT, PTA, and students were involved in a scope of practice fair



Dan Chill (D-Lynn) came out to speak to members in the Great Hall



APTA of MA members advocated at the Massachusetts States House for a day of discussing issues that affect the profession and our patients

Reimbursement & Insurance Updates

- Our lobbyists from Smith, Costello & Crawford, who focus on payment and policy, are working to bring leadership and a PPT presentation to higher-level insurance meetings
- There is a meeting scheduled with BCBS on June 5th
- Plan to schedule with Harvard Pilgrim for the following week

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Political Action Committee

Hosted a successful fundraiser for **Speaker of the House, Bob DeLeo**, who is a supporter of physical therapy in the legislature. Physical therapists had the opportunity to spend time speaking with DeLeo about issues pertaining to PT in Massachusetts.



Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Donate now to help us maintain a voice in the Massachusetts

Legislator: maptpac.nationbuilder.com



The next event will be for State Representative Dan Cahill, recipient of the APTAMA Legislator of the Year Award, on Wednesday, June 19th at 5:30 pm.

Interested in getting involved with the **Political Action Committee?**

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

We are continuing to work with our lobbyists, Jack McGlynn and Beth Mullen, regarding legislative issues that affect PT in the 2019-2020 cycles:

Athletic Training Association of Massachusetts (ATOM)

- Retained a new lobbying firm
Goal: find language for scope of practice that makes sense for the safety of our patients
- APTAMA plans to collaborate with Occupational Therapists and Orthopedic MD

Dry needling

- APTAMA Board passed guidelines on dry needling
- Department of Allied Health discussing continuing education requirements

National Health Service Corp looks to add physical therapy to list of care providers

Please ask your national legislators to support S970 and HR 2802 now



Massachusetts was well represented at the APTA Federal Advocacy Forum, where (285) PT, PTA, students from across the country advocated for the profession in Washington, D.C.