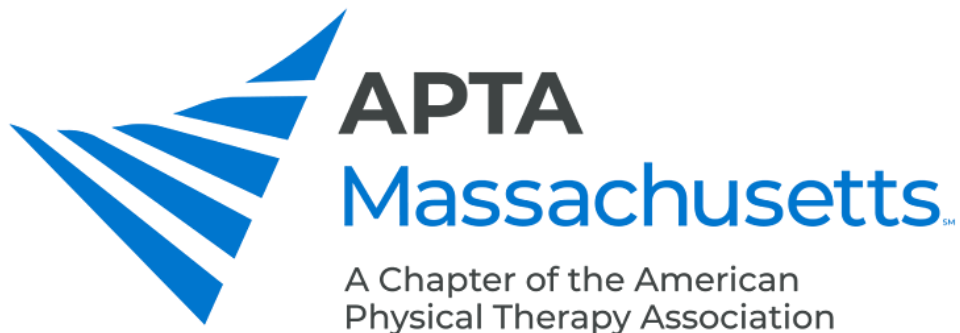


PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

WINTER 2019



Welcome to the final Public Policy Newsletter of 2019. 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: advocacy@aptaofma.org

PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL

APTAMA Annual Conference

Over (350) physical therapists, assistants, and students made this the highest attended conference to date. A new logo for the APTA of Massachusetts was revealed and is making a debut in this newsletter. The aim is to continue to unify the APTA brand and allow our organization to advocate on a united front across the board.

PT At APTA National Conference

“Great information shared by APTA Chapter Payment Chairs today from the State Payment and Policy Forum. Wonderful forum!”

Aimee Perron, PT, DPT, NCS



Reimbursement & Insurance Updates

- Leadership from the public policy committee and our lobbyists from Smith, Costello & Crawford met with WCRI over the summer months
- A slide deck for the value of PT intervention for LBP is being developed and shared
- There are upcoming meetings in the works, contact the committee to get involved

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Political Action Committee

A successful event was hosted by our lobbyists, Jack McGlynn and Beth Mullen for Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of House Ways and Means Committee in his home district of the North End. This was a time for physical therapists to give voice to our profession.

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Do you want to get more involved with the **Public Policy Committee?**

Join a Work Group Today:

ATC – [Alyssa Williamson](#)

Pediatric – [Taylor Chasey](#)

Dry Needling – [Holly Fitzgerald](#)

ACO/Transparency – [Eric Connolly](#)

Insurance Relationship Building –

[James Casady](#), [Kevin Flaherty](#)

Site Neutrality – [Darryl Elliott](#)

PT Practice Act – [Matt Penney](#)

Day on the Hill – [Melissa DiLorenzo](#)

PAC – [Judy Hershberg](#), [Maegen Brady](#)

Mark your calendars

PT Day on the Hill and Scope of Practice Fair

Monday, April 6th, 2020

Massachusetts State House

Registration to follow



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

On the local level, there have been bills coming forward that APTAMA has been advocating on behalf of the organization:

- **Athletic Training Scope of Practice Bill Testimony**
- Filed by Representative Edward Coppinger, 10th Suffolk, (29) cosigning
- Members from APTAMA testified in November on behalf our concerns over changing the language from “athlete” to “patient”
- ATC previously testified against PT on ability to return to sport after concussion due to lack of working with MD
- Language wants to move *away* from supervision of physician and treat “illness”

Legislation Filed by Acupuncturists To Challenge PT Practicing Dry Needling

- Filed by Representative Shawn Dooley, 9th Norfolk District, (1) cosigner
- Lobbyists continue to keep an eye on the legislature

Physical Therapist Named to the Board of Allied Health

- Dr. Cathy Lane, PT, DPT, MS sworn in last month
- Additionally, there is language in Governor Baker’s healthcare bill that would move Allied Health to DPH along with the other healthcare provider boards
- This still needs to go through the full legislative process