

Repeal Therapy Cap & Prevent Fee Schedule Cuts

Immediate Attention Requested

Physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and the patients we treat must tell their Members of Congress to focus on the Medicare therapy cap and the fee schedule cuts now! If Congress doesn't take action, beneficiaries will lose the exceptions process that protects them from the Medicare therapy cap and PTs will face severe cuts in payments starting January 1, 2008.

It is imperative to communicate with your Members of Congress to cosponsor HR 748/S. 450 to repeal the therapy cap and prevent the 9.9% cuts in the 2008 Medicare physician fee schedule. Congress will be debating Medicare legislation over the next two weeks, so making your voice heard now is essential. Please **communicate now** with your Members of Congress and their staff about the importance of physical therapy to your Medicare patients and the harmful results if a "hard" therapy cap is reinstated in 2008.

What You Can Do

It is important that you send a strong message to your Members of Congress to **request that they become cosponsors to repeal the therapy cap once and for all**. Please contact your Members of Congress and ask them to cosponsor HR 748/S. 450 and support legislation to prevent the 9.9% cuts in the 2008 physician fee schedule. You can contact your Members of Congress by calling 202/224-3121 or if you are an APTA Member by utilizing APTA's Legislative Action Center. You can write a letter or e-mail to your Members of Congress regarding this important issue. To reach the this tool log in to the APTA website at www.apta.org with your last name and member number and proceed to the Legislative Action Center.

In your call or letter to your Members of Congress, include specific examples of your patients that will be affected if the therapy cap is imposed again. Also, have your patients contact their legislators. Provide them with a letter they can sign and you can mail or have them access [APTA's Patient Action Center on the therapy cap](http://capwiz.com/amerpta/home/) which is an URL address <http://capwiz.com/amerpta/home/>. If you have any questions please contact APTA at 1/800-999-2782, ext. 8533.