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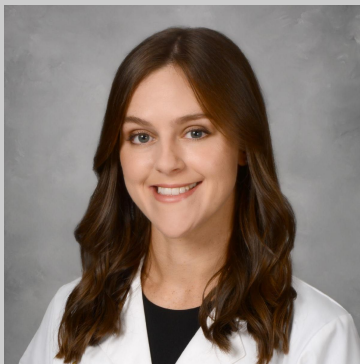
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Fraud Alert: Protect Your License

We have seen a recent surge in fraudulent emails and phone calls targeting Florida health care practitioners by impersonating the Department of Health or Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA). These scams leverage information about the licensure and enforcement processes to attempt to steal your personal or financial information.

If you have accidentally entered your credentials into any prompt or website that seems suspicious, or if you have been contacted by a suspicious caller or email, change your password immediately, gather the following information about the incident, and report it by calling the MQA Customer Contact Call Center at 850-488-0595 or emailing MedicalQualityAssurance@flhealth.gov.

- A description of the scam and how you were contacted.
- Screenshots of the phone call (with the timestamp and number).
- Photos of any documents or emails received (including the sender's email or fax number).
- A copy of the envelope or bank charges, if applicable.

Thank you for helping us protect the integrity of Florida's health care workforce.

Save the Date!

2026 Student Conclave

From Feb. 27, 2026, 8:00 am to Feb. 28, 2026, 5:00 pm

[More Information](#)

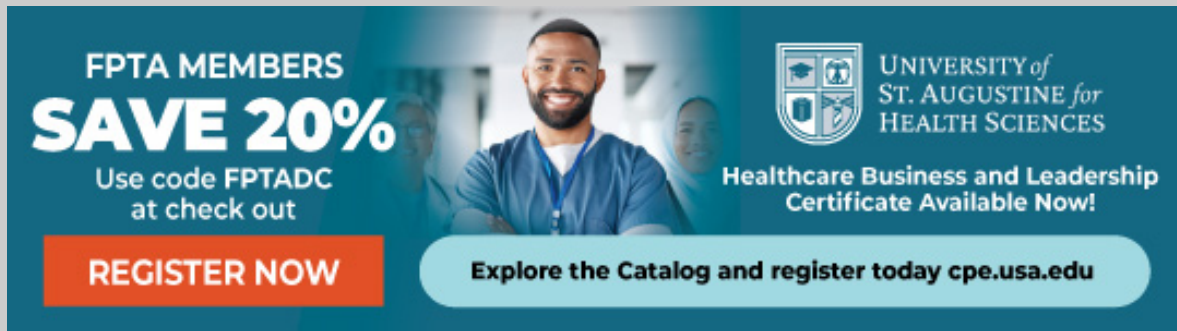


On August 29, 2025, APTA submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid opposing a proposed 6.4% payment reduction in the CY 2026 Home Health Prospective Payment System, objecting to the removal of key SDOH and vaccine-related measures, and supporting the addition of new functional measures to the Expanded Value-Based Purchasing Program. That same day, APTA also provided input to the National Institutes of Health on the Rehabilitation Research Plan for FY 2026–2030, aligning with the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Coalition's (DRRC) recommendations. In late September, APTA staff participated in a DRRC-led meeting with the Administration for Community Living to discuss the new Administrator's goals. Additionally, on August 25, APTA co-signed a letter to the U.S. Department of Education supporting inclusion of school-based professionals, including physical therapists, in the federal definition of "professional degree program" under student loan regulations. The letter urged inclusion of school-based rehabilitation and support professionals in the regulatory definition of a "professional degree program. Aimed to ensure loan and credentialing policies cover professionals such as PTs, OTs, SLPs, audiologists, counselors, and school nurses. APTA continues to advocate for the longest possible extension and permanent authorization of PTs and PTAs as telehealth providers.

Regarding the status of Medicare telehealth coverage, this did expire starting October 1st which coincided with the partial government shutdown which is still

ongoing. As of now, PTs and other healthcare providers that were operating on the waivers granted a few years ago, are not authorized telehealth providers in Medicare at the present time. APTA is advocating for a much longer extension and also for making the waivers permanent.

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Now Available: APTA Practice Advisory on Primary Care Physical Therapy

New member resource outlines essential roles and competencies for physical therapists in primary care settings.

Primary care physical therapy highlights the role of physical therapists as integral members of a patient's primary care team. It's important for PTs and PTAs to understand this emerging care delivery model, including considerations regarding practice readiness, educational opportunities, and billing.

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FTC Drops Legal Appeals, Abandons Noncompete Rule

The commission is shifting its approach to increased enforcement of anticompetitive noncompete agreements.

In August 2024, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas permanently barred the Federal Trade Commission's **ban on employee noncompetes**. The decision, applied nationally, prohibited the FTC from enforcing its April 2024 Noncompete Rule. Following the Texas decision, as well as a companion decision in Florida, the FTC considered appealing the decisions, but delayed action during the election and change in administration.

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Upcoming Events

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT



West Central District 4th Quarter CEU Presentation

**November 6, 2025
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

Cost:

Members: FREE
Non-Member PT: \$25
Non-Member Student: \$10

Location: Zoom

Description:

Join us for an informative CEU presentation by Jodi Miller, PT, DPT, titled Managing Burnout in the PT Profession. Burnout in the Physical Therapy profession is at the forefront of all discussions between clinicians, students, and even academicians. Most members of the PT community feel overworked, stressed, and in a constant state of overwhelm when it comes to their job. Clinicians feel the constant stressors of increasing caseloads due to declining reimbursement, professors see more tasks being added to their plate to meet classroom and scholarship demands, and students fear that their future career will result in burnout. This presentation will offer tools, techniques, and strategies to help reduce the factors that contribute to burnout before it sets in. Attendees will learn the burnout red flags to watch out for and how to set up a career that supports a burnout free, work-life balance that allows them the freedom to have a long lasting PT career.

Agenda:

6:30-7:00 pm Business Meeting (30 minutes)
7:00-9:00 pm CE Presentation

Register Now

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

SOCCER GAME

NOVEMBER 22



TICKETS: \$16

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 10TH TO
EDISBROW1028@GMAIL.COM



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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



**EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT
BEACH CLEANUP**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025
9-11 AM**

LORI WILSON PARK
1500 N ATLANTIC AVE
COCOA BEACH, FL 32931

Please RSVP to Laura Siviter:
lsiviter1@gmail.com



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SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming ECD District Meeting Monday, October 27th 6-8pm. Please join us as we discuss the upcoming year ahead. Bring ideas for events or socials that you'd like to see planned. We look forward to seeing everyone, sharing what is new in our ECD, and preparing for a great year ahead! Zoom link: <https://fpta-org.zoom.us/j/84313203212>

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

PUB Night at UCF

Thursday, November 13th
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bar Louie
4100 N. Alafaya Trail
Suite 167 & 17, Orlando, FL 32826



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2025
AT BACKYARD SOCIAL
16371 CORPORATE COMMERCE WAY FORT MYERS, FL
5:00 PM - 09:00PM



Grab a partner or come solo –we'll match you up! All skill levels welcome. Family-friendly event.



Registration Fee:
\$20 per student team
\$50 per clinician team/ company team

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Let the bags fly and may the best team win!
Proceeds to benefit FPT-PAC



PPSIG Meeting - Maximizing Reimbursement: Insurance Contract Negotiations for Private Practice PT's
 From October 27, 2025, 7:00 pm to October 27, 2025, 8:30 pm



2025 FPT-PAC

The money raised for the Florida Physical Therapy Political Action Committee (FPT-PAC) will be used in our efforts to modernize the Practice Act in Florida. The Florida Practice Act governs every physical therapist and physical therapist assistant in the state. We need your support to modernize the act and remove barriers to providing physical therapy services. [Donate Today](#)

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