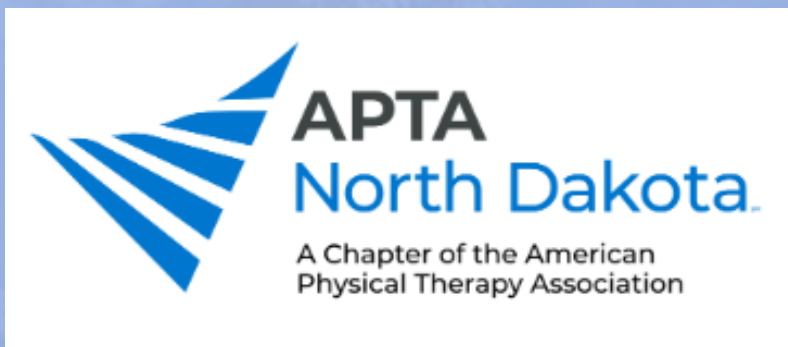


# WHAT IF THERE WAS NO APTA?

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## TELEHEALTH, DEBT, MANIPULATIONS, CAPS

What do all of these have in common?

### APTA ADVOCACY!

**Telehealth** APTA strongly supports legislative and regulatory changes that permit PTs and PTAs to provide services via telehealth such as the Expanded Telehealth Access Act.

This bipartisan bill permanently lists physical therapist and physical therapy assistants as authorized practitioners of telehealth under the Medicare program. The Public Health Emergency exemplified the need for patient choices when it comes to care. Now is the time to enact telehealth reforms.

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**APRIL 1, 2006**

PTs qualify to complete HVLA manual therapy techniques based upon qualifying criteria.

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## MEMBER DISCOUNTS!

Medbridge  
New Balance  
Car and Truck Rentals  
Office and School Supplies  
Shipping Services  
Dell Technology  
GE Appliances  
Fitness Centers

## APTA RESOURCES

There are numerous links to help you strive to deliver optimal patient care, help manage your clinic, tips for student loan debt, and even get discounts on travel and more!

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“The cost of a DPT degree has created a significant barrier to the ability of recent graduates to achieve financial stability. It’s a barrier to increasing our profession’s **diversity**, which in turn enhances **care** to all members of society. It’s a barrier to participation in our association, which is **essential** to strengthening the voice of the profession on behalf of our patients. It’s a barrier we must dismantle. **Now.**”

*-Sharon Dunn, Former APTA President*

## THERAPY CAP

**1969:** No required rehab department in hospitals and physician management required of department if in place.

**Feb 2013:** Prevented 26.5% decrease

**Feb 2018:** Repealed \$2,010 cap

**Dec 2020:** Reduced the need for charge modifiers for skilled services

## STUDENT LOAN DEBT

**House of delegates unanimously passed RC 11–16 that charged the APTA Board of Directors to evaluate student debt in PT and develop a plan to address it.**

**Include PTs in the National Health Services Corp Loan Repayment Program**

The Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act of 2019 (H.R. 2802/S. 970) would add PTs to this program, “helping to ensure that individuals in rural and underserved areas have access to nonpharmacological options for the prevention, treatment, and management of pain.”

**Encourage eligible academic programs to seek scholarship funds through the federal Health Resources and Services Administration's Scholarships.**