STATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
2018 SPRING UPDATE
Our job is Advocacy!

Why Advocate?

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”
- Dr. Seuss, The Lorax
2018 Legislative Session

AzPTA agenda:

1. Concussion management
2. DPT regulatory designation
3. Health care Workforce Data
2018 Legislative Session

HB 2088 pupils, concussion

Background – AIA regulations enacted in 2011 limited concussion management and RTP decisions to physicians, PA, NP, ATC.

Goal – inclusion of PTs as healthcare providers who can evaluate concussions in student athletic participants and make return to play decisions
Concussion Management

Outcome – Az Dept of Health Services will conduct a 2 year Concussion Management pilot program for PTs with sport specialty certification. Review and report on health professional workforce with training and education in Concussion management and Emergency response by Dec, 2018.
Concussion Management

- Requires PT evaluation of cognitive consequences of concussion to be made in consultation with a physician.
- Challenges – limited number of sports certified PTs for pilot program; overcoming perception that PT’s need physician oversight in this area.
- Opportunity – review of qualified HC professionals education/training.
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HB 2197  Work Force Data Collection
Requires some health profession boards to collect work force data – Nursing, MD, DO, Psychologists

PT not included at this time, but future opportunity
SB 1034  Sunrise Process – makes changes to the legislative process for scope of practice changes and emerging licensed professions.

Board consolidation activity  HB 2411 Homeopath, Opticians, Behavioral Health, Massage Therapy
2018 Legislative Agenda

- DPT regulatory designation
- Meet with stakeholder groups prior to legislative session
- Opposition indicated to any use of DPT or ‘Doctor” unless specified by educational degree
- No legislative action attempted
2018 PT Day at the Capitol
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- March 1, 2018
- Highlighted PT role in pain prevention and treatment
- Sent APTA PSA video on Opioid crisis and PT alternative to all AZ Legislators, remarks to House Health
- Hosted legislators and staffers to lunch
Thanks to Dorn Policy Group for continued effective representation of our interests at the AZ Legislature

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- Look for updates at aptaaz.org, Direct Current.

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