

Be an Advocate for Physical Therapy



Advocate on behalf of the physical therapy profession by getting involved in APTA's grassroots advocacy programs: APTA Advocacy Network, APTA Key Contacts, and APTA Federal Affairs Liaisons. Your important constituent voice helps to further legislation, connect with and educate lawmakers, and establish important relationships with members of Congress that will impact the future of the profession.

APTA Advocacy Network

The APTA Advocacy Network, exclusive to APTA members, is our advocacy strength in numbers! Network members receive action alerts to send emails to their members of Congress on federal legislative or regulatory issues to garner more support. Members also receive advocacy updates, a bimonthly newsletter, breaking news alerts, and more.

Visit [apta.org/advocacy/apta-advocacy-network](https://www.apta.org/advocacy/apta-advocacy-network).



APTA Key Contacts

APTA relies on a dedicated group of grassroots advocates to help further the physical therapy profession by establishing and maintaining a relationship with their members of Congress. Key Contacts are APTA members who serve as the primary contact with their senators or representative to educate them about physical therapy and relevant federal legislative or regulatory issues. Key Contacts have the opportunity to participate in advocacy training throughout the year and are encouraged to meet with their members of Congress when they are home during congressional recesses. Key Contacts must be APTA members, but no advocacy experience is necessary to participate.

Want to join? Send an email to advocacy@apta.org to sign up and get started.



Federal Affairs Liaison

Federal Affairs Liaisons serve as the link between their component and APTA's Government Affairs Department. Every year, component leaders identify and appoint one member to serve as the FAL for a one-year term. A primary responsibility of an FAL is to regularly disseminate advocacy information to their component and provide information from their component back to APTA regarding federal legislature and regulatory issues. FALs are also expected to lead Key Contacts (for chapter FALs only) and coordinate legislator visits in the state, attend a monthly informational meeting with APTA staff, and connect with members of Congress.

If you are interested in serving as an FAL, please contact your component leadership.

