

California Physical Therapy Association
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CPTA LEGISLATIVE BILL FOLDER

An annual Legislative session CPTA Bill Folder will be produced and distributed to various parties on a selected basis.

Included in the Bill Folder will be selected Bills with status information, summary of intent, and CPTA position and priority.

The Bill Folder will be distributed in accordance with procedures outlined below.

PROCEDURE -- Selection and Review of Bills, Determination of a CPTA position and priority, and Publication of Bill Folder

1. Review of Bills and Amendments

- a. All Bills reviewed by Government Relations staff, Chief Staff Executive (CSE) and/or Legislative Advocate.
- b. Bills found to be significant to physical therapy are added to the Bill Folder and presented to the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) for determination of CPTA position and priority.

2. Determination of CPTA position and priority of Bills and Amendments

- a. GAC will determine position and priority in compliance with APTA Bylaws and policies and CPTA Bylaws, Policies, and Positions. Position and priority of legislation introduced by others will be additionally determined in relation to the California Physical Therapy Practice Act, Business and Professions Code, Chapter 5.7.*
- b. GAC will determine Position:
 - Watch Low (R&K will monitor for amendments)
 - Watch (CPTA staff will monitor biweekly for amendments)
 - Watch High (CPTA staff will subscribe to bill review and monitor daily for amendments)
 - Neutral (Bill of interest yet no position will be taken/silent)
 - Support Low (Staff will send a letter of support only)
 - Support if Amended (CPTA will send a letter of support and testify if amended to incorporate PT or rehabilitative services)
 - Support High (CPTA will send a letter of support and testify at hearing)
 - Oppose Low (Staff will send a letter of opposition only)

- Oppose unless Amended (CPTA will send letter of opposition and testify unless amended to remove association's concern)
 - Oppose High (Staff will send a letter of opposition and testify at hearing)
- c. GAC will determine Priority to be: High, Medium or Low.
 - d. GAC will have option to refer Bill to Chapter Board or Chapter Committees when it is unable to determine a position and/or priority.
 - e. GAC will utilize the Regulatory and Legislative Experts from the CPTA Expert Resource Panel for input and/or information on an as needed basis and at their discretion.
 - f. Once the GAC has taken a position and priority on legislation and/or regulation, the members of the GAC will coordinate CPTA's advocacy efforts for the position taken by the Committee, whether or not the Committee member's opinion was contrary to that of the position taken by the Committee.
3. Distribution of the Bill Folder
 - a. Complete Bill Folder will be distributed to GAC.
 - b. Committee will determine if a particular Bill will be sent to: CPTA Board, Districts and Special Interest Groups, and members via CPTA Newsletter.
 - c. The Bill Folder will be redistributed periodically as updated, depending upon status of legislative activity.
 4. Activity on Bills Following Taking of a Position and Priority
 - a. Response in support or opposition to a Bill may be by letter, fax, email, telephone, personal contact, and/or testimony in Committee.
 - b. Character of response will be determined by government relations staff, CSE, Legislative Advocate and GAC Chairperson, with counsel from all members of the GAC as often as possible.
 - c. Determination of persons making response will be determined by government relations staff, CSE, Legislative Advocate, and GAC Chairperson, with counsel from members of GAC when appropriate and possible.
 - d. In all cases when legislation would amend Physical Therapy Practice Act, someone will attend the hearing to be available to present testimony.
 - e. Legislation which has an impact on the profession will have CPTA staff, GAC member, or legislative advocate present during the hearing process.

*In instances where time does not permit, this responsibility may of necessity be assumed by the Chairperson and ED.

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