



# Friends of the Home Health Section Award

**Rationale:** The purpose of this award is to acknowledge an individual, group or organization that has made an enduring contribution to the home health industry and that has been an advocate of the profession of physical therapy in the home, as it relates to clinical practice and/or regulations.

## **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. Have documented excellence in clinical practice, regulatory advocacy philanthropy, or research
2. Have promoted home health physical therapy in their career or in their organizational mission, either in research, educational programs, or in professional liaison through state, section or national involvement
3. Not be eligible to be a member of the American Physical Therapy Association due to their professional designation

## **Criteria for Selection:**

Quality and quantity of contributions to the Home Health Section of the APTA and/or to the profession of home health physical therapy could include one or more of the following:

1. Effect on shaping the evidenced-based, clinical best practices for quality patient outcomes, or
2. Effect on shaping regulatory issues to allow patients to have access to physical therapy in the home setting, or
3. Impact on reimbursement models for physical therapy in the home setting.

## **Nomination Process:**

Any current member of the American Physical Therapy Association may nominate an individual, group or organization that meets the award criteria. Nomination packets should include:

1. One or more detailed letters addressed to the Home Health Section office describing how the individual, group or organization meets the criteria for selection.
2. At least one letter of endorsement (support statement) should be included with the nominating letter and address some, if not all, of the following:
  - a. What are the nominee's documented examples of excellence in clinical practice, regulatory advocacy philanthropy, or research?
  - b. How has this nominee promoted and made enduring contributions to the home health industry?
  - c. Give examples of how this nominee has contributed to the Home Health Section of the APTA and/or the profession of physical therapy in the areas of quality patient outcomes, regulatory issues, and/or reimbursement affecting physical therapy in the home.
  - d. Anything else you want to add to describe why this individual, group, or organization should be recognized for its enduring contribution to the home health industry and as an advocate of the profession of physical therapy in the home?

The Home Health Section office must receive complete nomination packets by **November 1**

## **Selection Process:**

The Nominating Committee will review Nominations and the chair will present the Committee's recommendation to the Home Health Section Board of Directors for approval.

**Presentation:**

The award will be presented following the Business Meeting during APTA Combined Sections Meeting, usually held in February of each year.

The Award will consist of a Recognition plaque.

*Approved by the Home Health Section Executive Committee, November 18, 2016.*