



April 12, 2007

Justin Elliott
Associate Director, State Government Affairs
American Physical Therapy Association
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Dear Mr. Elliott:

You asked if the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy is aware of any evidence that there is increased disciplinary action in states that have unrestricted direct access versus states that do not have direct access.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy is an organization made up of the 53 physical therapy licensing jurisdictions within the United States. The mission of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy is to protect the public by providing service and leadership that promote safe and competent physical therapy practice. The Federation monitors and polls its member jurisdictions on a regular basis and serves as the HIPDB reporting agency for many of our member jurisdictions.

The Federation is not aware of any evidence of increased number or severity of final disciplinary actions in jurisdictions that have unlimited direct access to physical therapy when compared with those jurisdictions that do not have any form of direct access or have limitations to direct access.

Please do not hesitate to contact to me if you have any questions regarding regulatory issues as they relate to direct access to physical therapy services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "L".

Mark Lane, PT
Vice President of Professional Standards and Assessment