

PAYMENT REFORM TASK FORCE

The Payment Reform Task Force shall assist the Board of Directors determine potential payment models and coding reforms to advance APTA's priority to increase payment for physical therapy services and decrease the administrative burdens required to obtain payment.

CHARGE

The Board of Directors determined charge for the Payment Reform Task Force is to review past efforts and leverage expertise across the profession to develop viable and feasible models to increase payment and reduce the administrative requirements associated with payment.

The task force shall forward a report including multiple deliverables to the Board of Directors for their consideration and action:

1. Review of the intensity-severity model for future adaptations and improvements for implementation by payors.
2. Provide recommendations for coding reforms to pursue, including CPT code change application consideration and development and RUC survey distribution and analysis.
3. Assess the viability of alternative payment models in which physical therapists can participate and results in improved payment.
4. Provide recommendations on specific state-based payment initiatives for APTA chapter to pursue with model legislation.
5. Identify other potential payment models and reforms for potential assessment and implementation, such as add-on codes, episodic models and other reforms that could be implemented in specific programs, such as workers compensation, as pilot or programs with commercial payments or across federal programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTEES

- Shall be an APTA member in good standing.
- Knowledge of APTA governance structure and the interrelationship between APTA governing documents such as the articles of incorporation, bylaws, standing rules, and policies.
- Experience and expertise with payment systems, models and regulations in physical therapy.
- Experience and expertise as a representative of APTA to payment bodies and process, service in commercial payer advisory panels, leadership as a state payment chair, or participation in a physical therapy network or payment consortium.

All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the APTA Volunteer Commitment.

MEETINGS

The task force meets virtually throughout the year and may meet in-person as needed.

SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP

The group shall consist of one APTA Board chair, selected by the APTA President, and six additional APTA members. The current and immediate past APTA RUC and CPT advisors shall be consultants to this task force. APTA shall also support this work with up to three appointed external consultants (nonvoting).

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TERMS OF APPOINTEES

January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 (projected report to APTA Board of Directors in November 2027). No appointed member may serve concurrently in two Board-appointed roles.