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PHYSICAL THERAPISTS UNITE TO SUPPORT THE UNINSURED

Cover the Uninsured Week raises awareness about uninsured Americans

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ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is urging
residents across the country to contact their local elected officials and members of the
media to draw attention to the problem of the nation's uninsured during "Cover the
Uninsured Week," March 14-20.

APTA is a supporting organization of the observance, designed to raise awareness of
the plight of 46 million uninsured Americans, including 9 million children, and the effect it
is having on the country's health care system. The observance comes at a critical time
as final health reform legislation is currently being considered by Congress.

"Physical therapists are acutely aware of the impact that the lack of health insurance has
on the needs of our patients," said APTA President R Scott Ward, PT, PhD. "The health
of our patients is our number one priority; we are happy to join in the pursuit of raising
awareness about the plight our fellow uninsured Americans and how we can be part of
the solution."

For online resources and more information on how you can join this effort, visit

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physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy
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