

APTA Massachusetts strongly supports H.2490/S.1506 An Act Establishing a Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

Thirty-nine states plus the District of Columbia have joined in an interstate PT Compact that allows for a streamlined approach to licensure in member states while allowing states to regulate care within their borders. It is widely supported by PTs in the Commonwealth and by the APTA MA.

The Compact improves access to care and allows for the ease of mobility of providers. This allows both professional flexibility and allows employers to more readily deploy resources to deal with demand and/or health emergencies.

How is the PT Compact different than others?

- The PT compact is completely voluntary. It has no impact on PTs who wish to only maintain licensure in Massachusetts.
- PTs who wish to practice in a compact state must apply for privileges, so Massachusetts will know every clinician legally authorized to practice here.
- Massachusetts may charge a compact fee on PTs seeking privileges here in the Commonwealth, so no loss in revenue.
- All regulatory authority remains with the Massachusetts Board of Allied Health.

***We urge you to co-sponsor H.2490/S.1506 to
allow for the Commonwealth to join the
interstate PT Compact.***



Why Pass H.2490/S.1506

- The PT Compact increases consumer access to physical therapy services by reducing regulatory barriers to interstate mobility and cross-state practice, while protecting patients by preserving the integrity of Commonwealth regulatory requirements.
- Allows Massachusetts healthcare employers to attract employees who wish to work in more than one state or who live near the border.
- Supports the provision of Telehealth services for out-of-state patients who come to Massachusetts for specialized care and then return home.

The APTA MA is a non-profit professional association, representing over 2,800 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.