

Advocate Now!

STOP THE THERAPY CAP DAY

October 31, 2007

Have you used the Medicare therapy cap exceptions process to assure that your patients get the therapy they need? Those exceptions are about to go away...

In **less than 80 days** the therapy caps will return without exceptions if Congress does not act. The current exceptions process expires on December 31, 2007 and Congress is quickly running out of time to take action on essential Medicare provisions. In addition to the return of the therapy cap, without Congressional action occupational therapists will also be subject to a cut in 2008 payments under the Medicare physician fee schedule of nearly 10%. It is paramount that occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, students of occupational therapy and the patients we serve **TAKE ACTION NOW!**

AOTA, along with leading therapy and patient organizations, is hosting a focused advocacy effort to make sure Congress hears the message that the **“caps must be stopped”** and that the **“cuts must be prevented.”** To help ensure that Congress hears this message loud and clear, we need you to participate.

· **Come to Washington, DC for “Stop the Therapy Caps” Advocacy Day on October 31, 2007.** Contact AOTA’s Federal Affairs Department to RSVP and register Today at fad@aota.org or 1-800-SAY-AOTA.

· **Advocate from “home.” Call the “Stop the Therapy Caps” toll-free call-in line October 29 through November 2.** Call 866-346-2770 from October 29 to November 2 and be briefed on the key message to share with your Congressional office on the therapy cap and then be patched directly to your Members of Congress.

· **Make your voice heard! Participate by sending emails and letters to Capitol Hill to express the need to pass legislation NOW to stop the therapy caps from returning without exceptions and to prevent the 10% cut in the physician fee schedule.**

To email or to print a letter to send to Congress, please visit AOTA’s Legislative Action Center at <http://capwiz.com/aota/home/>.

For additional information and the latest updates on the therapy caps and fee schedule updates visit AOTA’s Web site at www.aota.org and AOTA’s Legislative Action Center at <http://capwiz.com/aota/home/>.

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