

Membership SOAP Note

The Guide to All Things Physical Therapy in Nebraska



Spotlight for Events

Nebraska Arthritis Foundation's 2026 Walk to Cure Arthritis

- **June 6th: 9:00 – 11:00 am CST**
 - Werner Park, Papillion, NE
 - APTA-NE Team: **Gait Keepers**
 - Click [here](#) to join our team!



Lynda D. Woodruff Lecture

- **June 18th: 6:00 pm CST**
 - Lecture by Tiffany Adams, PT, DPT, MBA, PhD
 - ["Reclaiming the Soul of the Physical Therapy Profession: The Details That Define Us"](#)
 - [Registration now open!](#)

APTA Payment Advocacy Summit

- **July 10th & 11th**
 - Portland, OR. Oregon Convention Center
 - Registration closes June 12th
 - For more information and to register, click [here](#).

APTA House of Delegates

- **July 12th & 13th**
 - Portland, OR
 - APTA-NE's delegates:
 - Bobby Griese (chief delegate), Tiarra Rouse, Grace Knott, Dan McCutchen, Ian Thompson, & Nick Weber (alternate for Mike Moravec)

Looking to learn something new? Check out APTA-NE's list of [Approved Courses](#)

Open Job Positions

Crossroads Physical Therapy in Lincoln, NE is looking to add a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to their team of 8 therapists! Full-time or part-time positions are available in an outpatient orthopedic setting. If you are interested in orthopedics or have a specialty area like pelvic health, lymphedema, balance training or Pilates training please apply. For more information check out their [website](#) or contact Connie Horne at crossroadspt@windstream.net.

Check out these and other job opportunities today at the [APTA Nebraska Career Center](#).

Advocacy

Update on the Final Rule from the Department of Education

Federal student loan changes finalized in 2026 may significantly impact future Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students. Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), Graduate PLUS loans are being eliminated and new federal borrowing caps established beginning July 1, 2026. Although DPT programs meet many criteria for professional degrees, the Department of Education classified DPT education as a graduate degree, limiting students to \$20,500 annually and \$100,000 total in federal loans—well below current educational costs. Current students with existing federal loans may retain prior borrowing eligibility for up to three academic years if continuously enrolled.

APTA and numerous stakeholders opposed the rule, warning it could increase reliance on private loans, reduce access for students from underserved backgrounds, and worsen workforce shortages. Several federal bills and ongoing lawsuits aim to reverse or modify these changes.

For more information on this issue, check out [APTA's Position Paper](#) or visit the APTA Academy of Education's most recent [update](#). Members are encouraged to contact legislators, participate in [advocacy efforts](#), and stay informed through APTA advocacy resources and [PT-PAC updates](#).

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Holds Public Hearing on Future Regulations for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Medical Supplies (DMEPOS)

APTA-NE recently participated in collaborative discussions with other rehabilitation and Complex Rehabilitation Technology (CRT) stakeholders regarding proposed updates to Nebraska Medicaid DMEPOS regulations. These discussions focused on strengthening the distinction between standard durable medical equipment (DME) and CRT, while also emphasizing the importance of specialized training and experience for physical therapists and occupational therapists performing CRT evaluations. APTA-NE supports efforts to improve consistency in CRT evaluations, protect patient safety, and promote responsible stewardship of state Medicaid resources through appropriate equipment selection and utilization.

To read the letter submitted to Nebraska DHHS for the public hearing, click [here](#).

Practice Update

APTA-NE Monitoring Medicaid Revalidation Developments

Nebraska DHHS has not yet announced which provider professions will be included in upcoming [Medicaid revalidation efforts](#) following the [CMS-directed deadline](#). APTA-NE has engaged with stakeholders and state contacts to gain additional insight into Nebraska's anticipated plan and whether physical therapists may be impacted.

[New to the APTA CPG Library: Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Adults with Chronic Respiratory Disease](#)

This clinical practice guideline, published by the American Thoracic Society in 2023, provides recommendations on models of pulmonary rehabilitation delivery.

[New to the APTA CPG Library: Evidence-Based Resistance Training Recommendations for Healthy Adults](#)

This recent addition, from the American College of Sports Medicine, offers a modern, accessible framework for clinicians to design effective resistance training programs.

[Podcast: Advice From PTs on How Specialist Certification Can Transform Your Career](#)

Three APTA members share how board certification has advanced their careers and the different paths they took to achieve certification.

Looking for access to a full article, PDF, or additional resources? As an APTA member, you have access to many of these resources and more through the [Evidence-Based Practice Resources](#) page on APTA.org.