

Membership SOAP Note

The Guide to All Things Physical Therapy in Nebraska



Spotlight for Events

APTA-NE Social

- **Thursday, January 29th: 7:00-9:00 PM**
 - Hosted by the APTA-NE's Early Professional Special Interest Group
 - Please join us at [DJ's Dugout Sports Bar](#), 777 N 114th St, Omaha, NE 68154
 - Food provided

APTA-NE's 2026 Legislative Breakfast

- **Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 AM.**
 - Please join us at [Billy's Restaurant](#) for breakfast and an opportunity to connect and advocate alongside fellow physical therapy professionals. This event provides an opportunity for you to share and amplify your voice with legislators!

Central & Eastern District CE Day

- **February 28th: 8:00 – 11:30 am**
 - Three courses will be livestreamed throughout the morning
 - Attendees select one in-person location (Omaha, Kearney, or Ord)
 - Attendees may participate in any single session or up to all three
 - For more information and to register, click [here](#).

APTA-NE Conference Kickoff Reception, Awards Presentation, & Oxford Debate

- **April 10th: 6:30 – 9:00 pm**
 - Truhlsen Campus Events Center at UNMC, Omaha, NE

APTA-NE Annual Conference

- **April 11th: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm**
 - Truhlsen Campus Events Center at UNMC, Omaha, NE
 - 6 Education Sessions to choose from!
 - Early bird sign-up ends March 1st. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



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

Open Job Positions

Fremont Therapy & Wellness is seeking an experienced, clinic-minded PT to lead their team and drive both clinical excellence and team performance. This leadership role is ideal for a PT who thrives on mentoring others, meeting team standards, and building strong patient and community relationships. Join a forward-thinking, award-winning, locally owned practice that believes traditional care isn't enough. Their collaborative model values innovation, individualized treatment, and 1:1 patient care with 40-minute sessions. You'll treat a diverse caseload across ages and conditions, including low back pain, post-op orthopedics, and balance disorders. You'll have access to state-of-the-art tools including VALD technology, aquatic therapy, biofeedback, and AI-assisted documentation through Prompt EMR—so you can focus more on patients and less on paperwork. If interested, contact [Jeree Menning](#).

Advocacy

APTA-NE is the driving force behind [LB 1012](#). This proposed legislation would amend §52-401 to add physical therapists to the list of eligible providers, which currently includes physicians, nurses, hospitals and chiropractors, able to file medical liens against damages awarded to patients to pay for medical treatment. Patients frequently face significant barriers to care following injury: long travel distances, limited provider options, and financial uncertainty while liability



claims are pending. Without lien protection, physical therapy clinics must often choose between delaying care or assuming substantial financial risk by treating patients without any assurance of payment. This reality disproportionately affects rural patients, who may have no practical alternative for timely rehabilitation.

From a business standpoint, practices face increasing financial pressure. Over the past several years, reimbursement rates have remained frozen or declined, while operating costs—including staffing, rent, utilities, compliance, and technology—have risen steadily. These pressures are felt most acutely by independent practices that lack the scale or negotiating power of large health systems. The absence of payment security for post-injury care further compounds this challenge and threatens the long-term sustainability of community-based clinics.

The proposed amendment to §52-401 is a narrow and balanced solution. It does not expand scope of practice, does not apply to workers' compensation claims, preserves attorney lien priority, and includes safeguards related to private insurance discounts. It simply ensures that physical therapists are treated equitably alongside other professionals already named in statute.

Most importantly, this legislation benefits patients. It allows individuals injured through no fault of their own to receive necessary rehabilitation services promptly, without being required to pay upfront or delay care while legal matters are resolved. For rural Nebraskans in particular, this can be the difference between timely recovery and prolonged disability.

[Help Shape the Future of APTA-NE](#)

The APTA-NE's Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the Executive Board, House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Early Professional Special Interest Group, and the Nebraska Foundation for Physical Therapy. If you're interested in running for a position or would like to nominate a colleague, please [complete the nomination form](#) by February 22nd. The election will take place March 1st - March 30th with electronic voting via email. Results will be announced at the Business Meeting during the Annual Conference on April 11th.

Practice Update

[The PT's Guide to Success in Medicare Part B: New APTA Learning Center Course](#)

This free member resource offers a comprehensive breakdown of how payment works and how to avoid common compliance pitfalls.

[APTA CSM On Demand Brings the Conference to You](#)

Can't make APTA CSM in person? APTA CSM On Demand has you covered. With nearly 300 recorded sessions, representing about two-thirds of the conference's programming, you can still access the best of APTA CSM and enhance your professional development in the process.

[Hear APTA's EJC and Ethics Task Force Break Down the New Code of Ethics](#)

Members of the APTA Ethics and Judicial Committee and of the Ethics Task Force have an informative discussion that breaks down what the Code means for both everyday practice and the future of the profession.

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.