APTA Washington
A Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association

# Please Support HB 1655 (Stonier, Caldier, Reed)

**HB 1655 provides a much-needed annual increase in reimbursement for private practices. This bill is a first step in ensuring that patients can access physical therapy services from independent private practices.**

Physical Therapists provide care to patients of all ages and abilities, and in a variety of settings. They help people rehabilitate from devastating injuries, manage chronic conditions, avoid surgery and pain medication, and create healthy habits.

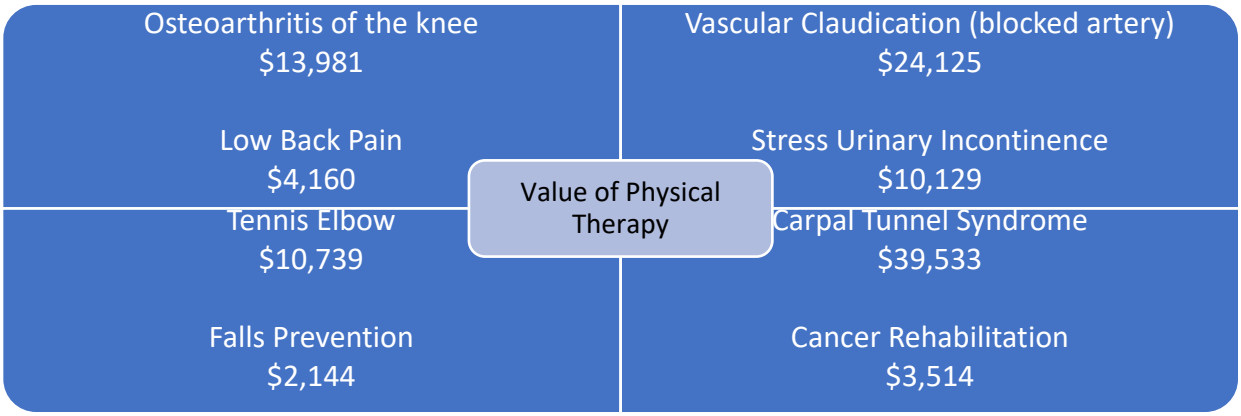
**However, the practice of physical therapy is facing serious challenges.**

In the last four years:

- PT practices have seen a 42% increase in costs
- PT practices have seen a 15% decrease in reimbursement
- 33% of PT clinics are operating in the red
- 21% of PTs left the workforce since 2021

**Unfortunately, physical therapists are unable to negotiate their reimbursement with insurers and are stuck with a take-it-or-leave-it contract.**

Yet the value of physical therapy continues to be demonstrated. According to the American Physical Therapy Association's report, "The Economic Value of Physical Therapy in the United States," physical therapy was found to have a net economic benefit for each of the following conditions:




**Please support HB 1655 to ensure patients can continue to access necessary and cost-effective physical therapy treatment.**

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