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TNGP-THC projects evaluate the cost-effectiveness of telehomecare services and may include case management by physicians, hospitals, medical clinics, home health agencies or other health care providers who supervise the patients' home care.

Lobbying

PTPN Hires New Lobbyist

PTPN, the country's first and largest network of independent rehabilitation therapists, has selected **Connolly Strategies & Initiatives** to represent the needs and interests of its member therapists on Capitol Hill, PTPN reports.

The priorities for the new advocacy effort include identifying key political and regulatory issues affect-

ing PTPN providers, such as value-based purchasing (pay-for-performance), plus much more.

PTPN President **Michael Weiner, MPH, PT**, noted that Connolly Strategies president **Jerry Connolly, PT, CAE**, is uniquely qualified to lead this effort for PTPN because of his experience as a physical therapist.

PTPN is the nation's first and largest network of rehab therapists in private practice with more than 1,300 provider offices in 23 states. PTPN contracts with most major managed care organizations including insurers, workers' compensation companies, PPOs, HMOs, medical groups and IPAs. Only offices with a rehab therapist owner and operator can be network members. ■

Clarification: In *Eli's Rehab Report*, Vol. 13 No. 14, page 110, the sentence, "You can also obtain specialty certification in low vision rehabilitation through the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), or become a Certified Low Vision Specialist — a certification not affiliated with AOTA," should read: "You can also obtain specialty certification in low vision rehabilitation through the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)." (The "Certified Low Vision Specialist — a certification not affiliated with AOTA," was in reference to the CLVT certification, not one in addition to CLVT or CVRT.) ■

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