



Special Edition of the PTPNotes – PTPN Political Action

[PTPN's New Political Action Center!](#)

We have a new section of our website devoted to lobbying efforts and keeping you informed on vital political issues such as Referral-For-Profit (POPTS), Medicare, direct access, and more. Click on [this link](#) to view the new page. Take a look at our Action Alert (more info below) and see the current bills we have highlighted under "Issues and Legislation."

You can expect to see emails from us when we need your voice to lobby legislators on important issues. It's so easy to do! With just a few clicks you can send an email to your legislator, or even federal regulatory bodies. We will provide you with model language that you can use and modify with your own experiences.

Our First Political Action Alert

[Stop 5% Medicare Cut & Extend the Exception Process!](#)

If Congress doesn't act before the end of the year, two things will happen: 1) The exceptions process for the Medicare therapy cap will expire and 2) Medicare rates will be cut by more than 5%! After the elections, legislators will be returning to Washington. When they do, make sure they take action on these critical issues. To stop these payment cuts and extend the exceptions process, [click here](#) to send your legislators an email through PTPN's Political Action Center.

Our thanks to the many of you who have already taken action! Some of you have noticed that some legislators, e.g. Senator Boxer, send back automated responses. Please be assured that all emails sent through our Center get to their destination and get counted. However, some legislators will not give you an individualized response unless you send the email directly through their website.

Get Involved!

[Get Everyone On and Updated on our E-mailing List!](#)

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the contact information we have on file for you. We used this email address – the one we have for your entire office. So, we had to leave the first and last name fields blank and that makes the updating process a little more difficult. So **read this first carefully before clicking!** You may want to print this out so you have the instructions in front of you to make it easier.

- When you click on the link below, scroll all the way down to the very bottom box that says "If you are already signed up", put your email address in the box, and then hit "Go."
- On the next screen hit "SUBMIT" **without** filling in your first and last name.
- If you've done #2 correctly (you left your first and last name blank), you will be taken to another screen where you can modify your contact information by now adding your name and completing the rest of the fields! (If you ever make another modification, you will use your name for verification the next time).
- Okay, read, understood and/or printed the instructions? – now [click here!](#)

You can add as many emails as you like to our Political Action Center. **Each staff member in your office can join the mailing list** by [clicking here](#). Forward this special edition of the PTPNotes to anyone you think may want to lend their voice to our cause!

Calendar

([click here](#) for our calendar feature and more info at PTPN.com)

- 11.7-9 *Winning the Patient/ Insurance Collections Game – LA, SF, Denver***
Annual educational seminar featuring speaker Cherie Leonard, CEO of CoachMaster Seminars
- 11.14 *PTPN FOTO Training Meeting*** - Baton Rouge, LA
- 11.18 *PTPN Exhibit at the Maryland APTA Conf.*** - Baltimore