



April FAL Call Minutes

April 30, 2025, 8:00 PM ET

The Zoom recording can be accessed here: https://zoom.us/rec/play/X7LVikEf8B0UQpV-hZTHPcr7fCbIDxIDLbgp_2f6-np_4bTYqZH-bHdnUnvRNULZHaCcMSGgamqnS7IH.hXsSx6YIWZQH3_UR?autoplay=true&startTime=1746057642000

Congressional Update

Congressional Physical Activity Challenge: [Share this flyer that](#) includes a sign up link with legislative staff and ask them to participate throughout the month of May. APTA is a member of the Physical Activity Alliance.

H.R. 879 Advocacy: APTA members are encouraged to [send letters to their members of Congress to include H.R. 879](#) in any legislative vehicle and budget reconciliation is the next one.

SAFE Steps for Veterans Act (S. 668) Companion Bill: This bill that was recently introduced in the Senate and we anticipate it to be introduced in the House in the coming weeks. This bill deals with falls prevention programs for the VA by adding a new physical therapy falls prevention program. This bill is not to be confused with the SAFE Act (H.R. 1171).

Pelvic Health and Opt-Out Bills: Reintroduction of the Medicare opt-out bill (Medicare Patient Empowerment Act) and the pelvic health awareness bill (Optimizing Postpartum Outcomes Act) is anticipated to happen before Memorial Day.

Grassroots and PTPAC Update

Take Care of Your APTA Capitol Hill Day Logistics: Please **register, make your travel arrangements and book your hotel room as soon as possible**. We are expecting the hotel to sell out. **FALs must register through your custom invitation only**. You are responsible for booking your hotel and travel and ensuring its accuracy. Do not wait to make your arrangements. Any travel changes will be at your expense. If you need your invitation resent or have questions regarding the registration process, hotel reservations, travel, or general logistics that are **not** related to Capitol Hill meetings, please reach out directly to MemberEngagement@apta.org.

Spread the Word About APTA Capitol Hill Day: Continue to spread the word about APTA Capitol Hill Day to your components, delegates, and chief delegate and encourage them to attend. If you know of someone who wants to register for **only** APTA Capitol Hill Day, please [send them this link](#).

APTA Capitol Hill Day Pre-Event Webinar: Save the date for a pre-event webinar on **June 24 at 8:00 p.m. ET** for all APTA Capitol Hill attendees. This is a critical webinar to prepare everyone for the event and it will be recorded.

PTPAC Party at APTA Capitol Hill Day: The event will take place at Swingers Dupont Circle. The event will be on Monday, July 14, from 8-10 p.m. You can buy tickets (\$100 each) when registering for Leadership Congress, which includes golf, drinks, and food. All PTPAC Eagle club members receive one free ticket, but please contact Michael Matlack to reserve your ticket.

Advocacy Training Program Opportunity: Sign up for a 7-module training program from the Congressional Management Foundation that offers an engaging way to learn about the legislative process, with videos, quizzes, and activities for advocates of all levels. Two additional cohorts have been added and more cohorts will be available throughout the summer and beyond. Please only sign up for **one** cohort.

- [Cohort 3: Thursday, May 22-Thursday, May 29](#)
- [Cohort 4: Thursday, June 5-Thursday, June 12](#)

Regulatory Update

Rules News: Since the confirmation of Dr. Mehmet Oz as the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency has released the contract year 2026 Medicare Advantage final rule and fiscal year 2026 skilled nursing facility and inpatient rehabilitation facility proposed rules. APTA is reviewing the proposed rules and will provide comments before the June 10 deadline.

The next FAL call will be Wednesday, May 28 at 8:00 p.m. ET