



FAL Briefing Memo

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U.S. Congress

- **SHARE Act Reintroduced:** On March 25, 2025, Reps. Tracey Mann (R-KS) and Joe Neguse (D-CO) and Sens. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced H.R. 2332/S.1101, the States Handling Access to Reciprocity for Employment (SHARE) Act. The bill aims to ensure that required federal background checks are processed so PTs and PTAs and other providers can participate in interstate licensure compacts. These background checks must be completed for states and providers to obtain Compact privileges. This legislation would require the FBI to expeditiously process the requested background checks and deliver the resulting information to the state licensing boards.

The PT Compact allows eligible PTs and PTAs the ability to practice in states in addition to the ones where the PT and PTA is currently licensed. If enacted into law, the bill would better enable PTs and PTAs to provide their services in multiple states without having to complete the time-consuming and costly effort to become licensed in every jurisdiction. In the previous Congress, this APTA-endorsed legislation was supported by almost 60 healthcare provider associations and major hospitals.

Federal Agencies

- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:** On March 14, APTA staff met with staff from CMS' Division of Practitioner Services to discuss the elimination of the multiple procedure payment reduction, corrective coding edits to lymphedema treatment codes, therapy diagnostic codes, and billing for home health agencies. APTA will continue to consult with CMS staff on these issues.
- **Department of Education:** On March 24, APTA, alongside other members of the IDEA Implementation Coalition, sent a letter to the ranking members of the House Education and Workforce Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee urging them to oppose any efforts to move the administration of the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act outside of the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Administration for Community Living:** On March 28, 2025, APTA, alongside other members of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Coalition, [urged HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy to pause his plans to dismantle the Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#), including the National Institute for Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), and meet with national disability, rehabilitation, and other stakeholder organizations to discuss the

future of ACL. The DRRC also formally requested a meeting with Secretary Kennedy to discuss the reorganization of ACL as an important government agency for older Americans and individuals with disabilities.

- **CMS:** On April 11, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule for updates to Medicare payment policies and rates for skilled nursing facilities under the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) for fiscal year (FY) 2026. CMS proposes updating SNF PPS rates by 2.8% based on the proposed SNF market basket of 3.0%, plus a 0.6% market basket forecast error adjustment, and a negative 0.8% productivity adjustment. Note that these impact figures do not incorporate the SNF Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) reductions for certain SNFs subject to the net reduction in payments under the SNF VBP. Those adjustments are estimated to total \$196.5 million in FY 2025. [Read the APTA summary HERE.](#)
- **CMS:** On April 11, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that proposes updates to Medicare payment policies and rates for inpatient rehabilitation facilities under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and the IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2026. CMS is publishing this proposed rule consistent with the legal requirements to update Medicare payment policies for IRFs annually. CMS proposes to update the IRF PPS payment rates by 2.6% based on the proposed IRF market basket update of 3.4%, less a proposed 0.8 percentage point productivity adjustment. The proposed rule includes annual updates to the prospective payment rates, the outlier threshold, the case-mix-group relative weights and average length of stay values, the wage index, and associated impact analysis. [Read the APTA summary HERE.](#)

Advocacy Engagement Opportunities

- [American Physical Therapy Association: APTA Regulatory, Legislative, and Payment Updates, June 2025](#)
- [Event | APTA Capitol Hill Day | APTA](#)
- [APTA Future of Rehab Therapy Summit 2025 | APTA](#)

APTA Articles of Interest

- [Proposed FY '26 SNF and IRF Rules: Payment Increases, Roll Back of SDOH Measures | APTA](#)
- [APTA Releases 2024 Annual Report | APTA](#)
- [Telehealth, PT Compact Legislation Reintroduced in U.S. Congress | APTA](#)
- [Podcast | APTA Advocacy Update, March 2025 | APTA](#)
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