



September FAL Call Minutes

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The Zoom recording can be accessed here: https://apta-org.zoom.us/rec/share/iP56Qr21c_iMZC6x07S1tqx2ApXt-CFdk2-Ey4GTWtYlulBuYVZmpDgsvXoQc38Y.XII7a-X6wgCjzsCt

Congressional Update

Hill Happenings and Telehealth: Congress is focused on avoiding a potential government shutdown, with federal funding set to expire on September 30. A shutdown is currently expected, though negotiations may shift in the coming days. Of key concern is the impact on telehealth authorities, which may lapse if the shutdown occurs. While a continuing resolution could extend telehealth coverage through November and potentially for two years beyond, compensation during a lapse is uncertain. Relevant committees are working to make extensions retroactive, but no guarantees exist at this time.

Regulatory Update

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Non-Compete Rule: Initially issued in May 2024, the rule banned all non-competes nationwide and required employers to notify employees that existing agreements were unenforceable. However, in August the rule was struck down in court, and on September 5 the FTC officially repealed it. The FTC is shifting toward case-by-case enforcement, particularly in healthcare, and has issued warning letters to large employers. It also released a request for information (RFI) on non-compete practices, with comments due November 3. APTA is monitoring developments closely, especially regarding healthcare employment practices.'

APTA Webinars and Updates: On October 9, the session will address TRICARE, Medicare plan of care requirements, updates with payers such as Aetna and Cigna, and other legislative issues. A follow-up session is scheduled for November 13, focusing on the Medicare fee schedule rule (timing subject to shutdown impacts).

Advisory Committee Opportunity: APTA recently answered the HHS and CMS call for nominations to a new 15-member healthcare advisory committee. APTA nominated Chris Bice, a physical therapist and researcher with experience in integrated health systems and payment programs. The committee will advise on policies related to health insurance, prevention, and cost reduction. APTA will monitor the selection process and the committee's work.

PTPAC Update

APTA Capitol Hill Day Relationship Building: Continue to follow-up with members of Congress after July's APTA Capitol Hill Day, reminding attendees that legislative progress often requires persistence across multiple congressional sessions. Please inform APTA of district-level congressional fundraisers that may be available.

Say Hello at Fall Conferences: PTPAC will also be present at upcoming conferences, including the Education Leadership Conference (Kansas City), AUMP Conference (Reno), and Private Practice Section Conference (Orlando).

Grassroots Update

APTA Flash Action Strategy Success: Over 8,500 letters were sent to Congress during the two-day, student-led APTA Flash Action Strategy that took place Sept. 17-18. This number far surpassed the goal of 5,000. The activity counts toward the APTA Student Advocacy Challenge, so please encourage students you may work with to participate.

The next FAL call will be Wednesday, October 29 at 8:00 p.m. ET