

PTA Caucus Rep

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Employer and Position:

1. Describe how the PTA Caucus can facilitate PTA interest in the APTA/APTA Wisconsin. Answer: The PTA Caucus can facilitate interest in APTA/ APTA Wisconsin by showing what opportunities there are to engage in as a PTA member of the association and providing volunteer opportunities to do so.
2. What are the top three professional issues that affect the PTA's role in today's healthcare environment? Answer: One major issue going on right now is the Medicare payment differential on services provided by PTAs scheduled to be reimbursed at 85% of the Medicare Fee schedule beginning January 1, 2022, for outpatient therapy services; along with this issue the CMS new rule of requiring coding modifiers whenever a PTA performs services without a PT for 10% or more of the timed service provides administration burden and can slow down reimbursement; other issues include the layoff, decreased income, job loss, and difficulty finding jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic.