

RE: S0051 and H5082

**TO: Chairperson Murray and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Chairperson Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee**

RE: S0051 and H5082 (Physical Therapy Copay Bill)

The Undersigned are members of a variety of Rehabilitation professions.

We all support improved access to rehabilitation services through reduction in copays, coinsurance and deductibles.

Physical Therapy (PT) has introduced legislation (S0051 and H5082) to reduce copays for PT to no more than the amount for physician level providers and we appreciate their initiative.

However, any such legislation needs to be inclusive of all three major Rehabilitation professions: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech and Language Pathology/Audiology.

Differing copay amounts among these three parallel and equally valuable professions risks a shift to financial vs clinically based decision making by consumers as they engage in the rehabilitation process.

This could easily lead to insufficient participation in those services with higher copays causing people to miss out on needed specialized care ultimately leading to lesser functional outcomes.

S0051 and H5082 need revision to include all three professions. Without this amended language, these bills are not in the best interest of consumers of rehabilitation services and should not be supported as currently written.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service.

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