SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19

Senate Concurrent Resolution 19 by Senator Mills, enacted during the regular 2015 session of the LA Legislature, created the PATIENT ACCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE to INVESTIGATE “the potential benefits of removing the current restrictions tied to patient access to a physical therapist’s services by allowing direct access to a physical therapist’s services without restriction” and report its findings as well as MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Presentations offered by committee members produced 10 REASONS VALIDATED BY EVIDENCE to support direct patient access to a physical therapist’s services without restrictions.

5 MEETINGS

each scheduled for 4 hours where each committee member was offered an open opportunity to present INFORMATION, EVIDENCE & ARGUMENTS relevant to the issue to the committee.

25 COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM:

- LA Department of Insurance
- LA Senate
- LA House of Representatives
- Department of Health and Hospitals
- LA Physical Therapy Board
- LA State Board of Medical Examiners
- LA State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- LA Physical Therapy Association
- LA State Medical Society
- LA Association of Health Plans
- Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital
- LSUHSC School of Allied Health Professionals
- New Orleans & Shreveport
- LA Orthopedic Association
- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- Private Practice Section of the APTA
- Health Policy & Administration Section of the APTA
- Acupuncture Association of LA
- Chiropractic Association of LA
- Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
- Coalition for Patients’ Rights
- Evidence in Motion
- LA Athletic Trainers’ Association, INC.
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons

After completion of all committee presentations a SINGLE RECOMMENDATION to the LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE was offered (by motion) and approved by the committee.

There is a CLEAR and obvious BENEFIT to ‘remove the current restrictions tied to patient access to a physical therapist’s services by ALLOWING DIRECT PATIENT ACCESS TO A PHYSICAL THERAPIST’S SERVICES WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS’ with ‘restriction’ defined as the need for referral and prescription to access physical therapy.

SUPPORT SB 291 & HB 623

☑ Removes unnecessary barrier & outdated restrictions Louisiana is one of just seven states with the most restrictive law

☑ Cost-effective Helps reduce healthcare costs for patients & LA

☑ Patient-centered Provides better patient self-management & patient choice

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