



DECREASED COST TO PATIENTS
 AND LOUISIANA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

86%
 fewer visits

Research shows Direct Access patients had **86% fewer visits** on average than referred patients.

IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE
BETTER FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES

Unrestricted patient access to physical therapy can *eliminate delays in services* provided by physical therapist - delays that can result in frustration to patients and decreased functional outcomes.

SAFE

HPSO, the largest professional liability carrier for physical therapists in the United States has concluded there is **ZERO RISK** to the public when patients access physical therapists without a referral.

BRINGS LOUISIANA IN LINE WITH NATIONAL MODELS OF CARE

Since the **1950's**

patient self-referral has been accepted practice in the majority of states and in the United States Military.

In accordance with Medicare, ICD-10 and nearly all national health insurance companies

Did you know?

HELPS REDUCE OPIOID USE

Louisiana is one of 13 states with the highest number of painkiller prescriptions.

96-143 PRESCRIPTIONS PER 100 PEOPLE.

1 in 4
 Louisianians suffer from back pain at any given time

BACK PAIN



INJURY PREVENTION & RECOVERY



EARLY INTERVENTION & REHABILITATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN



AGE-RELATED CONDITIONS

ENABLES Self-Management of Conditions



45 OTHER STATES
 allow patients to begin PT treatment without a referral.

200 MILLION

AMERICANS have better access to physical therapy than Louisianians



All licensed PTs in the nation are educated under the same model of a CAPTE accredited program at a DOCTORATE level and pass National Licensure Exam.

Removing the unnecessary barrier for patients to access physical therapy services is NOT an expansion of Scope of Practice. It simply MODERNIZES how care is accessed. Unrestricted Patient Access to PT. No Referral Required.

REMOVES OUTDATED RESTRICTIONS
 LA is just 1 of 7 states with the most restrictive law

PATIENT-CENTERED
 Provides better patient self-management

COST-EFFECTIVE
 Helps reduce healthcare costs

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19
 There are clear and obvious benefits to removing the current restrictions tied to patient access to a PT

SUPPORT SB 291 & HB 623

Access to physical therapy allows patients to choose their healthcare provider for their condition.