

Physical Therapists provide extensive care to disabled patients.



Let Physical Therapists issue disability related certifications

REASONS TO SUPPORT PT CERTIFICATION

- About 74.6 million Americans have a physical disability, making people with a physical disability the largest minority group in the U.S.^{1,2}
- Expanding the language to include Physical Therapists in the list of health care providers eligible to issue disability certifications would facilitate greater consumer access and service given the great role physical therapy plays in disability evaluation and management.
- As movement experts, Physical Therapists should be included in state law among the health care professionals eligible to determine the mobility status of a patient or client for the purposes of disability parking placards or license plates.

IT JUST MAKES SENSE

- Physical Therapists are experts in the analysis of human movement, performance, and function, and have doctoral degrees in PT.
- As one of the leading providers of disability evaluation and management, they are trained to evaluate patients with disabilities and apply evidence-based treatments to ameliorate impairments and increase function.
- Colorado, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, and Michigan have passed laws allowing Physical Therapists to issue either temporary or permanent disability parking placards and licenses, increasing access to and use of disability services in those states.

1 National Disability Coordination Officer Program. "Physical Disability." 2012.

2 Disability Funders Network. "Disability Stats and Facts." 2012.



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