



Testimony in Opposition to
LD 742, An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following
Referral from a Primary Care Provider Based in the State

HCIFS Committee, March 11, 2025

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and Honorable Members of the HCIFS Committee:

My name is Jen Corbeil and I am the Policy and Payment Chair for the Maine Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association ("MEAPTA"). I am a pediatric physical therapist who resides in Eliot and provides early intervention services (birth to 3 years old) in Southern York County.

The Maine APTA represents over 2500 physical therapists (PTs), physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and students in Maine. We are opposed to LD 742, An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral from a Primary Care Provider Based in the State for the following reasons:

- We do not believe this bill is necessary to make telehealth services available to Maine Residents. All Maine PTs currently have the capability to provide telehealth services and do currently provide telehealth services. Therefore, LD 742 only serves to divert referrals away from Maine PTs to out-of-state Physical Therapists.
- We have concerns, this bill promotes referrals to out-of-state PTs who are unregulated putting our patients at risk.
- This legislature and our profession has already decided that physical therapists are required to be licensed and regulated for the sole purpose of protecting the public. But under LD 742, unlicensed out of state PTs will have no regulatory oversight. The Maine State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will not be able to discipline an out of state PT who fails to meet the standards of care and who may harm a patient.
- Maine has already passed PT Compact legislation that will allow out of state PTs to obtain practice privileges in Maine easily and quickly starting in 2026. That is the appropriate way for out of state PTs to provide telehealth in Maine. It allows Maine to have regulatory oversight of the out of state PT, which will protect Maine patients.
- We are also concerned that this bill may allow large out-of-state telehealth companies to drain referrals from Maine providers. Licensed Maine PTs are best positioned to

provide the *full range* of PT interventions to Maine patients and Maine physicians should refer to Maine PTs first.

In summary, this bill is not needed and only serves to potentially harm Maine PT businesses and Maine patients. Please vote “Ought NOT to Pass” on LD 742.

We will be happy to provide more information or connect you with a PT constituent in your district before the work session if you would like.

Thank you,

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