



Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association



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## Ask Your Members of Congress to Permanently Repeal the Therapy Cap by January 1

*If Congress fails to act - hard caps on therapy services will begin next year.*

Negotiations between the House and Senate are presently stalled on permanently repealing the therapy cap under Medicare Part B. Right now, there is no agreement to stop the therapy cap from going into effect on January 1, 2018. This means that there would be a hard cap of \$2,010 on Medicare rehabilitative therapy and no extensions process of any kind.

[ASHA needs you to contact your members of Congress and urge them to repeal the cap as soon as possible so that Medicare beneficiaries are not prevented from receiving services they need!](#)

### Background

On October 26, 2017, ASHA joined its fellow members of the Therapy Cap Coalition to endorse a repeal framework that was developed by a bipartisan and bicameral group of leading legislators. ASHA strongly supports a full repeal of the Medicare Part B Outpatient Therapy Cap, which limits access to vital rehabilitative services in skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation hospitals and clinics. For 2018, the therapy cap is \$2,010 for speech-language pathology and physical therapy services combined.

### Questions?

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