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## **Peak Performance Goes to Albany**

Mike Golisano Travels to Fight for YOU!

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On Tuesday, April 30th I had the opportunity to travel with over 300 Physical Therapy colleagues and students to Albany to fight for our patient's rights, as well as the future of Physical Therapy.

The major bill (S2319/A1666) addressed was regarding the need to control and end the unfair practice of ever increasing co-pays that patients are required to pay while attending Physical Therapy. Many insurance providers classify Physical Therapists as "specialists" and as a result require a higher co-pay for each office visit. Patients infrequently seeing medical specialists (neurologist, cardiologist, etc) will not be discouraged by higher "specialist" co-pays to follow the recommended care in these situations but due to the recurring nature of Physical Therapy visits, many people have opted to completely forego PT care, cut short their treatments or settle for less than optimal results due to the high "specialist" co-pays placed on Physical Therapy.

This can ultimately leave you with poorer function, more symptoms, and generally lower health and NYS as a whole with a more costly and less effective health care system.

## As with anything in politics, things move very slowly but YOU CAN HELP!

Ask us at Peak Performance PT how you can help move this important bill to the floor.

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