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President-Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy

Re: Final Report

Thanks to the generous contribution from the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, the Texas Physical Therapy Association was able to hire an excellent lobbyist and a temporary Legislative Specialist for the 2019 Session of the Texas Legislature. The funds you provided allowed us to be successful in our endeavors by giving us more people to work in the process.

We were able to successfully pass House Bill 29 which provides Direct Access for Physical Therapy in Texas. Although the bill does not provide everything we had hoped it does allow patients to see a PT for ten, or fifteen, days without a referral. TPTA had been advocating for this legislation for 28 years.

Thank you again for your generous contribution and for the role you played in bring Direct Access to the patients of Texas.

Sincerely,
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