

# ACS Leadership Conference

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# Are you in a state of denial?



## Only 7 states deny patients access to physical therapist services without a physician's referral.

Is your state among the 7 that still deny patients the right to seek care from a licensed physical therapist without a physician's referral?

The majority of states recognize that direct access to physical therapists is an effective way to control health care costs, encourage preventive health care, and allow patients to return to work more quickly.

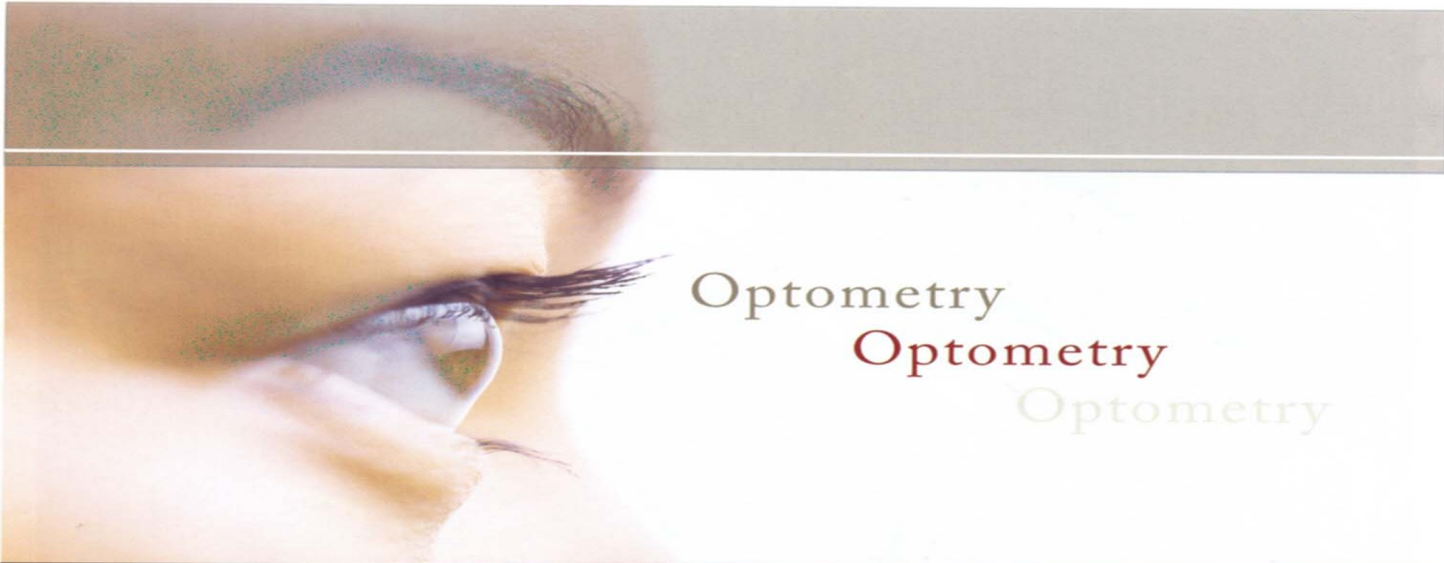
If you're in a state of denial, learn more about how your constituents can benefit from direct access to physical therapist services. Give them the chance

to decide when physical therapy is right for them and vote "yes" for direct access to physical therapist services.

To obtain information about direct access to physical therapists, contact the American Physical Therapy Association's Government Affairs Department at 800/999-2782, ext. 3161 or visit [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org).



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## Doctors on the Frontline of Eye and Vision Care

Doctors of optometry are the nation's *largest eye care profession*, serving patients in nearly 6,500 communities across the country. In more than 3,500 of these communities, they are *the only eye doctors*. As primary eye care providers, *doctors of optometry* are an integral part of the health care team, earning their doctoral degree just as dentists, podiatrists and other doctors do. Doctors of optometry are trained to *examine, diagnose, treat and manage diseases and disorders* that affect the eye or vision.

