

# ***THE PHYSICAL THERAPY (PT) COMPACT***

## ***H.F. 729/ S.F. 1322***

*A bill allowing Minnesota to join 36 states who already belong to the PT Compact*

### **WHAT DOES THIS BILL OFFER?**

- 1. ACCESS AND CONTINUITY OF CARE** – as a growing number of Minnesotans live, work, or go to school in other states, they want high-quality health care from their Minnesota providers wherever they may be at the time. Using technology to provide telehealth facilitates following patients who are on vacation, away at school or simply live in another state. Health care dollars could remain in MN in many of these cases.
- 2. QUICK RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR CARE** – during times of unexpected demand such as disasters and epidemics, the PT workforce can mobilize quickly and still have accountability. PTs and PTAs who travel with teams or who work as contractors can get the appropriate practice privilege in a very short time as compared to the licensure process.
- 3. CONSISTENCY IN THE REQUIREMENTS** – the Compact creates no changes to the practice of PT when it occurs in the state of MN under licensure nor under practice privilege. The practice of PT occurs in the state in which the patient/client is located when the services are rendered.

- 4. PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY** - the PT Compact maintains Minnesota’s high practice standards for physical therapy services provided in the state of Minnesota. It also requires anyone with practice privilege to take the annual jurisprudence examination.

### **WHO SUPPORTS THIS BILL ALREADY?**

- ✓ American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- ✓ APTA Minnesota Chapter
- ✓ The Federation of State Boards of PT (FSBPT)
- ✓ Members of the Minnesota Hospital Association who operate across state borders
- ✓ PTs and PTAs who are members of military families
- ✓ PTs and PTAs who engage in travel/contract practices

**All states that border MN have already joined the PT Compact.**

***Help Minnesota Join Them!***

