



NMAPTA LEGISLATIVE NEWS

State and Federal Legislative Update at the 2009 NMAPTA Fall Conference Announced

This is a FREE update immediately following the NMAPTA Business Meeting to discuss the New Mexico state budget and its impact on PT services. We will also be discussing the Federal Healthcare Reform Bills and their impact on PT services. Come network with your NMAPTA Legislative Committee Members, NMAPTA Lobbyist, and NMAPTA Board Members. The class will be 90 minutes in length.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD NMAPTA TAKE TO PROTECT PTs/PTAs against a \$35-\$40 million shortfall in Medicaid funds?

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New Mexico Human Services Department Budget Shortfall

The New Mexico Human Services Department predicts a \$35-\$40 Million shortfall in Medicaid funds. The implications are dire for Medicaid and all non-mandated services, including physical therapy, may be cut. The proposal from HSD includes the elimination of all adult therapy services and reduction in provider reimbursement rates. The effects will be far-reaching - for every \$1 of general fund cuts in Medicaid there is approximately \$5 in lost economic activity for the state including lost jobs, personal income taxes, gross receipt taxes, and lost federal matching funds. Services and expenditures must be cut OR new revenue must be raised.

NMAPTA will take action by joining a coalition of non-profit, faith-based, and small business groups called Better Choices in making the following recommendations to generate state revenue and avoid cutting Medicaid and healthcare benefits due to the current budget shortfall.

Please contact your legislators with the following recommendations:

1. Repeal personal income tax breaks for the top 5%
2. Create corporate income tax equity for out-of-state corporations
3. Set a 1% surtax on incomes over \$100, 000

NMAPTA will NOT endorse the repeal of gross receipts tax exemptions for outpatient physical therapy services since we worked so hard to get this exemption passed in the legislature.

A strong message needs to be sent to our legislators that cutting Medicaid funding of PT services for adults in New Mexico would have devastating effects during this already difficult time. Contact information for your state legislator can be found on the [NMAPTA website](#).