

## **WV Physical Therapy Association LOBBY DAY- February 21, 2012**

The purpose of WVPTA Lobby Day is to build support and educate others about legislative issues affecting physical therapy practice. As part of Lobby Day, you will be briefed about the current status of key legislation and each participant will be provided with talking points and materials to prepare you for individual meetings with your elected officials. For strategic and consistency purposes, we urge that you attend the briefing session so you are prepared to speak with legislators.

To ensure that our lobby day is a success, it will be important to make appointments with Legislators **prior to your arrival**. Please make your appointments with the members that represent your geographic and practice area between 10:00-2:00 p.m. For more information on your legislators, please call WV Legislative Information and Reference Center at 1-877-565-3447 or visit: [www.legis.state.wv.us](http://www.legis.state.wv.us)

### **To Register:**

To help us in planning for Lobby Day, please pre-register your attendance **by February 17, 2012 by contacting Wanda Hymes at Tonkin Management Group at 345-6808 or by e-mail at [wanda.hymes@wvmtg.com](mailto:wanda.hymes@wvmtg.com)**

### **Additional Tips:**

- Be prepared to discuss your issues – a packet of information will be provided to you, but personal stories are also effective!
- Wear comfortable shoes and bring business cards with you.
- Call your legislators and make appointments prior to your trip

### **Schedule for WVPTA Lobby Day—February 21, 2012**

9:00 Legislative Issue Briefing Session – Tonkin Management Group Offices, 2110 Kanawha Blvd., E. Charleston—parking available (call for directions)  
10:00 Individual Visits with Legislators  
Attend Committee Meetings of Interest  
11:00 Observe Senate and Floor Sessions  
Senate and House Galleries  
12:00 Lunch – on your own at the capitol  
1:00 Individual Visits with Legislators or Attend Committee Meetings of Interest  
2:00 Debrief at Chapter Office

### **Issues for 2012**

- PT co-pay legislation to prohibit higher fees for PT service than physician services.
- Advocate for continuation of the payment for PTA services.
- Protect PT scope of practice
- Monitor health reform legislation
- Require insurance companies to pay the provider of care (assignment of benefits)
- Regulate rental PPO networks (silent PPOs)