



# HB 533

## Health Care Practitioner Credentialing Act

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## What is the Credentialing Act?

- Legislation to change the time required to obtain credentialing for Physical Therapist (PT) to be listed as participating providers
- This legislation addressed unwarranted delays by health insurers in credentialing applicants for inclusion in their networks

# Why we need your support:



- Currently, there is an extreme wait time for approval of credentialing by the insurance companies
  - $\geq 180$  days
- Adds unnecessary administrative burden and adversely affects business practices in the Commonwealth.
- PA consumers do not have access to the full complement of physical therapy services, which is an excellent non-pharmacologic management choice for pain

# Today we are asking for....



- Approval of HB 533: Health Care Practitioner Credentialing Act and change the extreme wait time from >180 to 45 days
- Allow patients to access PT in a timely fashion
- Allow PT clinics to provide the best practices in the Commonwealth
- Prevent significant loss of revenue for PT clinics in the Commonwealth