



**WAPA Call to Action
January 23, 2012**

**Contact your legislators today to Sponsor
The Physician Assistant HealthCare Access Act
LRB-3689/1**

WAPA has been working with legislative leaders to introduce a bill that would expand PA privileges in the state. The changes included in the bill would allow physician assistants to order physical therapy services, patient restraints, home health services, and include physician assistants as recognized providers who can complete a DMV Medical Examination Report.

The bill is authored by Representative Warren Petryk (R-Eleva). The bill is being shared with his legislative colleagues the week of January 23. He is asking them to sign onto the bill as co-sponsors. It is very important for you as constituents to contact your legislators and also ask them to support the bill by signing on as a co-sponsor. Legislators want to know that constituents care about legislation they are being asked to support - the more calls we can generate to each office from constituents, the greater the chance an individual legislator will co-sponsor the bill. The more co-sponsors we are able to generate, the greater our chances of success.

Contact your Legislator Today!

Contacting your legislator and asking their support of our bill is very important. Contacts to legislators should begin by Monday, January 23, 2012 and be completed no later than 12pm on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

- 1) Call your Assembly Representative **and** State Senator. Ask to talk to your legislator. If they are unavailable, ask to talk to a staff person responsible for health issues. If no one is available, it is ok to leave a voice mail message.
- 2) Let them know:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Let them know you are a constituent. Share your address
 - c. Also let them know you that you are a PA
 - d. That you are calling to ask them to co-sponsor LRB 3689/1

Sample message: "Hi. My name is John Doe. Can I speak with Representative Williams? I live at 123 Anywhere Street in Anytown. I am a physician assistant, and am calling to ask you to co-sponsor LRB 3689/1."

- 3) They may ask you why they should support it. Refer to the talking points below.
- 4) Thank them for their time and consideration. Ask if they will sponsor the bill. If they do not commit, offer to be available to answer any questions they may have

after reviewing the bill. Also ask them to call you back after they have made their decision

- 5) Complete the brief on-line survey with information on your contact (it will take less than 1 minute to complete, and will help us track activity on the bill).

For More Information

- If you have any questions, or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact: Eric Jensen, WAPA Lobbyist, eric@jgr-llc.com or the WAPA Office, wapa@wapa.org or 920-560-5630
- A copy of the bill and talking points are available on WAPA's website.
- You can call the legislative hotline at 1-800-362-9472, or visit the [Wisconsin Legislature's website](#) to find your legislators' name and phone number.