

FOTA Hill Day and Legislative Advocacy Update

Hill Day Sponsorship and Legislative Progress

On December 3, 2025, FOTA sponsored a Hill Day focused on advancing legislative priorities for the profession. We are pleased to announce significant progress: Representative Anderson has agreed to sponsor our dry needling bill in the House of Representatives, while Senator Calatayud will champion the bill in the Senate. Our primary objective for this legislative session is the successful passage of these bills, which would allow dry needling to become part of our scope of practice. Our lobbyists have dedicated considerable effort to securing sponsors and communicating the significance of this issue for both therapists and their clients.

Participation and Impact

Hill Day saw active participation from therapists and students representing various regions across the state. We extend our gratitude to all who attended and contributed to this important event. Their presence provided a valuable opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss the importance of dry needling within our practice. These personal interactions were instrumental in raising awareness among lawmakers.

Ongoing Advocacy Efforts

While dry needling remains the central focus for this legislative session, other issues continue to be monitored. Our lobbyists are keeping track of legislative sentiment regarding interstate compacts. Additionally, we have received feedback from many pediatric practitioners about challenges related to Medicaid reimbursement contracts. Specifically, some contracts are requesting that providers accept only 80% of the reimbursement instead of the full amount. To address this issue with AHCA and legislators, we need your support. If you have received such a contract, please contact us and provide a copy for documentation. Your assistance is essential to pursuing a resolution.

As we approach the coming year, we remain optimistic about the progress we can achieve together. The advancement of our legislative priorities, particularly the inclusion of dry needling in our scope of practice, is a testament to the dedication and collective efforts of our community. Your ongoing support and thoughtful input are critical to the success of these initiatives.

We encourage every member of our profession to stay involved, share feedback, and participate in advocacy efforts. By working collaboratively, we can address emerging challenges, such as Medicaid reimbursement issues, and continue to move our

profession forward. Your involvement not only strengthens our legislative impact but also ensures that the needs of therapists and their clients are heard and addressed.

Thank you for your commitment and engagement. Together, we look forward to a successful and impactful year ahead.

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