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Cedar Rapids, IA July 31, 2013-James C. Hall, CPA and General Manager of Rehab Management Services LLC was among nearly 100 physical therapists from across the country then convened in Washington, DC on July 22 and July 23, 2013 to lobby members of Congress. As part of the first-ever fly-in hosted by the Private Practice Section (PPS) of the American Physical Therapy Association, Hall met with Senator Grassley and members of Senator Harkin, Representatives Braley and King's staff members to discuss hard-hitting issues affecting the future of healthcare, the physical therapy profession, the small business owner, and their patients.

As the General Manager of RMS, Hall handles financial consulting and medical billing services on behalf of 43 rehabilitative providers with approximately 100 locations in 27 states. Working on behalf of these clients, Hall knows first-hand how changes in healthcare regulations impact his clients nationwide, and how these changes can put their small businesses at risk. Hall was able to express concern to Senator Grassley about therapists being excluded from federal Locum Tenens regulations, which can delay payment to therapists up to six months, pending Medicare contractors credentialing already license therapists.

The physical therapists (and Hall) asked Congress to take action on pending legislation and topics that will enable the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective physical therapy to seniors and other patients in need of rehabilitation. The two issues discussed at length were:

- Sustainable Growth Rate: Physical Therapists support the Medicare Physician Payment Innovation Act of 2013 (H.R. 574). This bill would repeal and replace the sustainable growth rate formula that determines Medicare payment rates, fixing the broken reimbursement method so therapists can be paid fairly and commensurate with the value of their services.
- Medicare Therapy Cap: Physical Therapists support the Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act (H.R. 713/S. 367), which would permanently repeal the arbitrary annual per-beneficiary cap for physical therapy, occupational and speech-language pathology services. The bill would allow patients the access to physical therapy needed to restore their health and function.

"As entrepreneurs in the health field, our physical therapists face legislative challenges and roadblocks in delivering good care," said Tom DiAngelis, president of the Private Practice Section. "Having the opportunity for the first time, to speak honestly with Congress and bring to their attention the overlooked impact of healthcare reform is a defining moment for the Private Practice Section. We thank James Hall of Rehab Management Services for being a part of this historic occasion and contributing to the thought-provoking dialogue."

Photo images of James on Capitol Hill are available upon request. Contact James directly at jhall@rehabmgmt.com or 319/892-0142.

About the Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association

Founded in 1956, the Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association champions the success of physical therapist-owned businesses. Our members are leaders and innovators in the health care system. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) represents more than 85,000 physical therapists, physical therapy assistants and students of physical therapy nationwide. For more information, please visit www.ppsapta.org.

About Rehab Management Services

Founded in 1997 by James and Beth Hall, RMS provides medical billing and financial consulting services to Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy companies around the United States. For more information, please visit www.rehabmgmt.com.