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**Local Business Owner from Cedar Rapids Meets with  
Lawmakers on Capitol Hill to Talk Healthcare, Patient Cost and Small Business Issues**

**Cedar Rapids, IA** – October 3, 2014 – Rehab Management Services was with over 75 physical therapists business owners from across the country that convened in Washington, DC September 29 - 30, 2014 to lobby members of Congress. As part of the second annual event hosted by the Private Practice Section (PPS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), James Hall, CPA met with members of Sen. Charles Grassley, Sen. Tom Harkin and Rep. Bruce Braley's staff, to discuss hard-hitting issues affecting the future of healthcare, patients, and physical therapy businesses.

“Having the opportunity to speak honestly with Congressional leaders about the impact of current legislation to business owners like myself, in the medical field, is critical for the physical therapy profession,” said Tom DiAngelis, president of the Private Practice Section. “For one day, our voice was amplified and hundreds of members of congress were having the same conversation on the same issues that affect tax payers when they see a physical therapist. We thank Rehab Management Services and James Hall for contributing to the thought-provoking dialogue and joining us on Capitol Hill.”

The physical therapist business owners asked Congress to take action on pending legislation and topics on the House and Senate floor. The key issue for this visit was:

- **Locum Tenens (Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act):** When medical professionals need to take a leave of absence (short or long term) they hire substitutes to fill in. Under current law, physical therapists cannot hire substitutes to fill in and treat their Medicare patients. PPS is asking Congress to pass HR 3426 and S.2818, the *Prevent Interruptions in Physical Therapy Act*, which adds physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

**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 therapist assistants and students of physical therapy nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.ppsapta.org](http://www.ppsapta.org).

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