

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: ROLE OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION IN ADVOCACY, PROMOTION, AND ACCOMMODATION HOD P06-04-12-12** [Amended HOD 06-00-15-04; HOD 06-93-32-59; HOD 06-76-17-44] [Previously titled: Rights of People with Disabilities; Position on People with Disabilities; Civil Rights for Handicapped] [Position]

People with disabilities share the same rights as all other individuals to have access to and opportunities for full economic, social, and personal development. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) shall advocate for full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life and within the profession of physical therapy. As the Association that represents physical therapists who are the experts in the analysis of human movement, performance, and function, APTA should seek ways to promote education regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines as well as implementation of the ADA.

APTA shall comply with the requirements of the ADA for all APTA sponsored events including conferences, continuing education, and meetings, providing for accessibility or reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.

Relationship to Vision 2020: Operational; (Federal Government Affairs Department, ext 3156)

**Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure