



Dear Assembly Health Policy Committee,

We are proud to announce that there are now free physical therapy services available in our community through the Pro-Bono Alaska Physical Therapy Community Clinic, operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We opened our doors on December 10th, 2022 and are currently open for patient care every Saturday from 9am-1pm.

So far this year, we have provided 78 patient encounters, with 25 new patients served.

Our physical therapy services are for patients under financial strain who would otherwise not seek care. We are able to accept individuals, with or without insurance, who have financial barriers to receiving care. There is no charge for services. However, we unfortunately are unable to treat individual who are actively insured by Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Tricare, and Indian Health Services.

The all-volunteer run clinic is made possible through our partnership with our state and national PT professional associations and a space donation by a private practice business owner. The pro-bono clinic model is intended to serve the entire state, not just Anchorage. We are developing a similar clinic in the Mat-Su valley, several satellite branches across the state, and a pediatrics specialty clinic in Anchorage.

Sustainability of this program is also dependent on financial support from our community and we are fortunate to have a strong base of financial donors already. Tax deductible contributions can be made through our association website listed below.

We appreciate any help you can give us to get the word out to the community. Feel free to reach out with any ideas on how we can better serve these individuals in need. I have included a flyer for distribution to patients and community members and more information can be found at: <https://www.aptaalaska.org/alaska-physical-therapy-community-clinic/>

Thank you for this opportunity to share information about our program.

Sincerely,

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