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U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY'S BOARD AUTHORIZES SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

Houston, TX – September 25, 2001 - U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (Nasdaq National Market:USPH) announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 1,000,000 shares or approximately 9.6% of the Company's outstanding common stock. The repurchases will be made from time to time in the open market or private transactions depending on price, availability and the Company's cash position. No expiration date for the repurchase plan was set. Currently, there are approximately 10.4 million shares of U.S. Physical Therapy common stock outstanding. The Company intends to hold repurchased shares in its treasury or to use such shares for other corporate purposes, as specified by the Board.

Roy Spradlin, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Over the past week the Company's stock price has declined significantly. This share repurchase program underscores our confidence in the long-term value of the Company, and we believe that this action will offer the highest return on our cash and enhance shareholder value."

Spradlin continued, "The tragedies of September 11, 2001 have not had a material impact on operations, and the outlook for the remainder of the year continues to be positive. We remain on track to open 30 to 35 new clinics for the year."

This press release contains forward-looking statements (often using words such as "believes", "expects", "intends", "plans", "should" and similar words), which involve numerous risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of certain risks, uncertainties, and factors, which include, but are not limited to:

- general economic, business, and regulatory conditions;
- competition;
- federal and state regulations;
- availability, terms, and use of capital; and
- weather.

Please see the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for more information on these factors. Management undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as the result of actual results, changes in assumptions, new information, future events, or otherwise.

U.S. Physical Therapy and its partners currently operate 155 outpatient clinics in 30 states and manage six PT facilities for third parties.

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