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I have EDS. A chronic illness that many health professionals are ill informed about. Physical Therapist (PT) have been the only professionals to successfully help treat/manage my EDS. In fact, it was a PT in Oregon that helped me figure out how to diagnosed. Whenever I have joint issues I bypass my PCP because I have an insurance plan that does not require a referral for PT. I don't like going to my PCP because it takes months for me to get into my doctor's office and if I need imaging done, I have to wait months. I can get an appointment to see a PT within a week when I have joint issues/injuries. They have the knowledge, training, and capacity to order imaging but the current law prevents this. It's ridiculous that these professionals with doctorate degrees are not able to help patients like myself due to antiquated and out of date laws.