
DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes changes to the practice of physical therapist assistants.

Present law outlines the supervisory responsibilities of a physical therapist as it relates to physical therapist assistants and unlicensed supportive personnel.

Present law provides for the number of physical therapist assistants and supervised personnel a physical therapist may safely supervise.

Proposed law allows a physical therapist to supervise no more than eight physical therapist assistants and five unlicensed supportive personnel.

Present law requires a physical therapist to be readily accessible and provides for methods of accessibility by a physical therapist including a beeper or telephone.

Proposed law now requires a physical therapist to be accessible by telecommunication.

Present law requires that a supervising physical therapist conduct documented conferences with the physical therapist assistant regarding patients. It also gives discretion to the physical therapist to determine the frequency of these conferences but at a minimum, requires a conference at least every sixth treatment day or every 30 days, whichever occurs first.

Proposed law repeals this requirement.

Present law requires a supervising physical therapist to treat and reassess a patient at least every sixth treatment day or every 30 days, whichever occurs first.

Proposed law changes present law by requiring the physical therapist to treat and reassess the patient at least every 30 days and for his final treatment session, when feasible.

Present law requires a supervising physical therapist to treat a patient for his final treatment session when feasible and to write a discharge summary.

Proposed law repeals the requirement to write a discharge summary.

(Amends R.S. 37:2418(F)(1) and (2))