

ENROLLED ACT NO. 18, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to physical therapy; modifying the scope of practice of physical therapists; making a conforming amendment; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-25-102(c)(intro) and 33-25-111(a)(xii) are amended to read:

33-25-102. Practice of physical therapy; license or certificate required; exceptions; false representations.

(c) ~~Except as provided in this subsection, A physical therapist with a master's degree, or a bachelor's degree with five (5) years of clinical experience may initiate physical therapy treatment for a new or recurring injury with or without a prescription from a licensed physician including doctor of osteopathy, podiatrist, advanced practitioner of nursing, dentist, chiropractor or physician assistant. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preclude a physical therapist from treating a chronic or recurring injury or condition without a prescription, provided that the patient or client was previously diagnosed and prescribed physical therapy treatment within the previous year by a health care provider identified in this subsection and the treatment is directly related to the original prescribed care. Except in an emergency, a physical therapist, without a prescription, is prohibited from initiating physical therapy treatment for children under the age of twelve (12) years, unless the child is to receive physical therapy treatment under an individualized education program or an individualized family services plan. A physical therapist shall refer the patient or client to a licensed physician including doctor of osteopathy, podiatrist, advanced practitioner of nursing, dentist, chiropractor or physician~~

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assistant, as appropriate, when: or other health care provider, except that a physical therapist shall refer a patient or client to another health care provider to diagnose or care for the patient or client if the physical therapist reasonably believes that symptoms or conditions may be present that require health care services beyond the scope of physical therapy practice, or physical therapy is contraindicated.

33-25-111. Discipline; denial or suspension of license or certificate; grounds.

(a) The board may revoke, suspend, restrict, condition, reprimand, refuse to issue or refuse to renew the license or certification of any individual who:

(xii) Fails to refer a patient or client or post information as required by W.S. ~~33-25-102(e)~~ 33-25-102(c) and (e);

Section 2. W.S. 33-25-102(c)(i) through (iii) is repealed.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2019.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk