

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0006

Physical therapy-scope of practice revisions.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

A BILL

for

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

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-25-102(c) (intro) and  
8 33-25-111(a) (xii) are amended to read:

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10 **33-25-102. Practice of physical therapy; license or**  
11 **certificate required; exceptions; false representations.**

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13 (c) ~~Except as provided in this subsection, A~~ physical  
14 therapist ~~with a master's degree, or a bachelor's degree with~~  
15 ~~five (5) years of clinical experience~~ may initiate physical

1 therapy treatment for a any new or recurring injury, with or  
2 without a prescription from a licensed physician ~~including~~  
3 ~~doctor of osteopathy, podiatrist, advanced practitioner of~~  
4 ~~nursing, dentist, chiropractor or physician assistant.~~  
5 ~~Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preclude a~~  
6 ~~physical therapist from treating a chronic or recurring~~  
7 ~~injury or condition without a prescription, provided that the~~  
8 ~~patient or client was previously diagnosed and prescribed~~  
9 ~~physical therapy treatment within the previous year by a~~  
10 ~~health care provider identified in this subsection and the~~  
11 ~~treatment is directly related to the original prescribed~~  
12 ~~care. Except in an emergency, a physical therapist, without~~  
13 ~~a prescription, is prohibited from initiating physical~~  
14 ~~therapy treatment for children under the age of twelve (12)~~  
15 ~~years, unless the child is to receive physical therapy~~  
16 ~~treatment under an individualized education program or an~~  
17 ~~individualized family services plan. A physical therapist~~  
18 ~~shall refer the patient or client to a licensed physician~~  
19 ~~including doctor of osteopathy, podiatrist, advanced~~  
20 ~~practitioner of nursing, dentist, chiropractor or physician~~  
21 ~~assistant, as appropriate, when: or other health care~~  
22 ~~provider, except that a physical therapist shall refer a~~  
23 ~~patient or client to another health care provider to diagnose~~

1 or care for the patient or client if the physical therapist  
2 reasonably believes that conditions may be present that  
3 require health care services beyond the scope of physical  
4 therapy practice.

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6 **33-25-111. Discipline; denial or suspension of license**  
7 **or certificate; grounds.**

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

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

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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 33-25-102(c)(i) through (iii) and (e)  
17 is repealed.

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

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21 (END)