

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 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 symptoms or conditions may be
3 present that require health care services beyond the scope of
4 physical therapy practice, or physical therapy is
5 contraindicated. A physical therapist shall only administer
6 an electrodiagnostic test if the patient who is to receive
7 the test has received a prescription for the test from a
8 licensed physician who is a physiatrist or neurologist or if
9 the test is conducted in a hospital setting with orders from
10 a licensed physician.

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12 **33-25-111. Discipline; denial or suspension of license**
13 **or certificate; grounds.**

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

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

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2 repealed.

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

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