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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Physical therapy-scope of practice & health insurance
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.** 33-25-102(c)(intro) and 33-25-111(a)(xii)
8 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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1 (c) ~~Except as provided in this subsection, a~~ ^A physical
2 therapist ~~with a master's degree, or a bachelor's degree with~~
3 ~~five (5) years of clinical experience~~ may initiate physical
4 therapy treatment for ~~a~~ ^{any} new or recurring injury, with or
5 without a prescription from a licensed physician ~~including~~
6 ~~doctor of osteopathy, podiatrist, advanced practitioner of~~
7 ~~nursing, dentist, chiropractor or physician assistant.~~
8 ~~Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preclude a~~
9 ~~physical therapist from treating a chronic or recurring~~
10 ~~injury or condition without a prescription, provided that the~~
11 ~~patient or client was previously diagnosed and prescribed~~
12 ~~physical therapy treatment within the previous year by a~~
13 ~~health care provider identified in this subsection and the~~
14 ~~treatment is directly related to the original prescribed~~
15 ~~care. Except in an emergency, a physical therapist, without~~
16 ~~a prescription, is prohibited from initiating physical~~
17 ~~therapy treatment for children under the age of twelve (12)~~
18 ~~years, unless the child is to receive physical therapy~~
19 ~~treatment under an individualized education program or an~~
20 ~~individualized family services plan. A physical therapist~~
21 ~~shall refer the patient or client to a licensed physician~~
22 ~~including doctor of osteopathy, podiatrist, advanced~~
23 ~~practitioner of nursing, dentist, chiropractor or physician~~

1 ~~assistant, as appropriate, when:~~ or other health care
2 provider, except that a physical therapist shall refer a
3 patient or client to another professional qualified to
4 diagnose or care for the patient or client if the physical
5 therapist reasonably believes that conditions may be present
6 that require health care services beyond the scope of physical
7 therapy practice.

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9 **33-25-111. Discipline; denial or suspension of license**
10 **or certificate; grounds.**

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

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

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19 **Section 3.** W.S. 33-25-102(c)(i) through (iii) and (e)
20 is repealed.

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

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