

"Foreign-educated physical therapist" means a physical therapist who graduated from any physical therapy education program outside the United States.

"General supervision" means the responsible supervision and control of the practice of the licensed physical therapist assistant by the supervising physical therapist. The supervising therapist is regularly and routinely on-site, and every three months will provide a minimum of one (1) co-treatment of face to face, real time interaction with each physical therapist assistant providing services with his/her patients. These co-treatments will be documented in the medical record and on a supervision log, which is subject to inspection. When not on-site, the supervising therapist is on call and readily available physically or through direct telecommunication for consultation.

"Group Setting" means two or more physical therapists providing supervision to physical therapist assistants in the same practice setting or physical facility.

"Immediate Supervision" means the supervising physical therapist or physical therapist assistant is on the premises and in attendance when patient care is being delivered.

"On-site supervision" or "Direct supervision" means the supervising physical therapist is continuously on-site and present in the department or facility where services are provided, is immediately available to the person being supervised and maintains continued involvement in appropriate aspects of each treatment session in which assistive personnel are involved in components of care.

"Physical Therapist" means a licensed professional health care worker who is a graduate of a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education or approved successor organization, and who provides physical therapy services including evaluation, treatment program design/management/ modification, and supervision of delegated portions of a treatment program.

"Physical Therapist Assistant" means a licensed paraprofessional health care worker technically educated health care provider who is a graduate of a program accredited by an agency recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education or approved successor organization and who performs selected physical therapy procedures and related tasks under the direction and supervision of a Physical Therapist.

"Physical Therapist of Record" means the physical therapist who assumes the responsibility for the provision and /or supervision of physical therapy services for a patient, and is held accountable for the coordination, continuation and progression of the plan of care.

"Physical Therapy Aide" means a person on-the-job trained and working under the immediate supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who performs designated and supervised routine tasks as outlined in 435:20-7-1.

"Practice Setting" means the type of service delivery such as acute care, outpatient, inpatient rehabilitation, long term care, home health, educational settings or DDSD.

"Re-examination/Re-evaluation/Assessment" means visits by the physical therapist, in the presence of the patient,

to assess the patient's current status, gather additional data, and update the plan of care.

"Supervision" means the physical therapist is delegating portions of the patient's care to licensed personnel or applicants for licensure but remains accountable for the coordination, continuation and progression of the care of the patient.

"Supervising Physical Therapist" means the physical therapist of record who provides either direct or general supervision for a physical therapist assistant or applicant for licensure and delegates components of patient care to that person.

SUBCHAPTER 7. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

435:20-7-1. **Direction and supervision**Supervision of physical therapist assistants

(a) **Direct clinical on-site supervision.** Direct clinical on-site supervision is personal management and control of the clinical practice of the physical therapist assistant. The physical therapist delineates the specific tasks and duties to be performed. Direct clinical on-site supervision is in effect during the licensure process when a physical therapist signs the Form #5, Verification of Supervision. The physical therapist is on the premises, readily available to respond and provide direct clinical supervision. Such supervision shall be sufficient to assure that the assistant is practicing under the direction of a physical therapist

(b) **General supervision.** In general supervision where the physical therapist is not routinely on site, the supervision of the physical therapist assistant shall include the following:

(1) A physical therapist must be responsible for and participate in each patient's care. The physical therapist must perform an initial evaluation, identify problem areas, develop a written plan of care, and write or review and approve a written discharge summary.

(2) A current written treatment plan will be formulated for each patient under the care of the physical therapist. Appropriate for the practice setting, but no less frequently than every 30 calendar days, the physical therapist will document that the treatment plan has been reviewed and/or revised, stating revisions. Exceptions to this procedure may include:

(A) Instances in which the physical therapist has made a good faith attempt to visit the patient and review the treatment plan, however, due to circumstances beyond his/her control (such as unavailability of the patient) were unable to do so. In such cases, the physical therapist's documentation must show an attempt was made.

(B) Practice setting including but not limited to home health, educational facilities or long term care facilities in which care plans are reviewed periodically but no less frequently than 120 calendar days.

(3) The physical therapist assistant will respond to acute changes in the patient's physiological state and report these findings promptly to the physical therapist.