

**CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE PROVISION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES: QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS PROVIDING PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES HOD P06-01-20-20** [Amended HOD 06-93-13-14; BOD 03-86-21-83; Initial HOD 06-72-10-13] [Position]

Protection of the consumer requires that physical therapy services be provided only by, or under the direction and supervision of, duly licensed physical therapists who have successfully completed physical therapist professional education. Physical therapist professional education includes graduates from 1926 to 1959 who have completed physical therapy curricula approved by the appropriate accreditation bodies. It also includes graduates from 1960 to the present who have successfully completed professional physical therapy education programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or determined to be equivalent.

Protection of the consumer further requires that the practice of physical therapists, which includes examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention, complies with well-defined regulations. In addition, physical therapist assistants, under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist, are the only individuals who assist in the provision of selected physical therapy interventions. The physical therapist assistant is a graduate of a physical therapist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education and is licensed or otherwise regulated.

Relationship to Vision 2020: Practitioner of Choice; (Practice Department, ext 3176)

**Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.

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