

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 104

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to physical therapy; amending 59 O.S.
8 2011, Section 887.2, as last amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
10 887.2), which relates to definitions; modifying and
11 adding definitions; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section
12 887.5, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 198, O.S.L.
13 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 887.5), which
14 relates to powers and duties of the State Board of
15 Medical Licensure and Supervision; clarifying certain
16 power and duty; and providing an effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.2, as
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.
20 2020, Section 887.2), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 887.2. As used in the Physical Therapy Practice Act:

22 1. "Physical therapy" means the care and services provided by
23 or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist who
24 is licensed pursuant to the Physical Therapy Practice Act;

25 2. "Practice of physical therapy" means the use of selected
26 knowledge and skills in planning, organizing and directing programs
27 for the care of individuals whose ability to function is impaired or

1 threatened by disease or injury, encompassing preventive measures,
2 screening, tests in aid of diagnosis by a licensed doctor of
3 medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry or podiatry, or a
4 physician assistant, and evaluation and invasive or noninvasive
5 procedures with emphasis on the skeletal system, neuromuscular and
6 cardiopulmonary function, as it relates to physical therapy.

7 Physical therapy includes screening or evaluations performed to
8 determine the degree of impairment of relevant aspects such as, but
9 not limited to, nerve and muscle function including transcutaneous
10 bioelectrical potentials, motor development, functional capacity and
11 respiratory or circulatory efficiency. Physical therapy also
12 includes physical therapy treatment performed including, but not
13 limited to, exercises for increasing or restoring strength,
14 endurance, coordination and range of motion, stimuli to facilitate
15 motor activity and learning, instruction in activities of daily
16 living and the use of assistive devices and the application of
17 physical agents to relieve pain or alter physiological status.

18 Physical therapy services may be provided in person or remotely, via
19 telehealth, to individuals or groups. The use of roentgen rays and
20 radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, the use of
21 electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization and
22 colonic irrigations are not authorized under the term "physical
23 therapy" as used in this chapter;

1 3. "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who assists in
2 the practice of physical therapy subject to the direction and
3 supervision of a licensed physical therapist, who meets all the
4 educational requirements, and who is licensed pursuant to the
5 provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act;

6 4. "Licensed physical therapist" means a person who is licensed
7 as required in the Physical Therapy Practice Act and who regularly
8 practices physical therapy;

9 5. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and
10 Supervision; ~~and~~

11 6. "Committee" means the Physical Therapy Committee;

12 7. "Telehealth" means the use of electronic information and
13 telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical
14 health care, patient and professional health-related education,
15 public health and health administration; and

16 8. "Telecommunication" means the use of audio, video or other
17 electronic media to deliver health care in real-time or through the
18 use of store-and-forward technology.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.5, as
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 198, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020,
21 Section 887.5), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 887.5. The State Board of Medical Licensure and
23 Supervision shall have the power and duty to:

1 1. Promulgate ~~the rules and regulations~~ necessary for the
2 ~~performance of its duties pursuant to~~ implement the provisions of
3 the Physical Therapy Practice Act;

4 2. Determine, as recommended by the Committee, the
5 qualifications of applicants for licensure, conduct all
6 examinations, and determine which applicants successfully passed
7 such examinations;

8 3. Issue a license to each applicant who passes the examination
9 in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board pursuant to
10 the Physical Therapy Practice Act, and who is otherwise in
11 compliance with the Physical Therapy Practice Act. A license shall
12 also be issued to persons who qualify for such license pursuant to
13 the provisions of Sections 887.9 and 887.10 of this title. Said
14 licenses shall be subject to annual renewal as provided by the
15 Physical Therapy Practice Act;

16 4. Make such investigations and inspections as are necessary to
17 ensure compliance with the Physical Therapy Practice Act and the
18 rules and regulations of the Board promulgated pursuant to the act;

19 5. Conduct hearings as required by the provisions of the
20 Administrative Procedures Act, Section 250 et seq. of Title 75 of
21 the Oklahoma Statutes;

22 6. Report to the district attorney having jurisdiction or the
23 Attorney General any act committed by any person which may
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1 constitute a misdemeanor pursuant to the provisions of the Physical
2 Therapy Practice Act;

3 7. Initiate prosecution and civil proceedings;

4 8. Suspend, revoke or deny the license of any physical
5 therapist and physical therapist assistant for violation of any
6 provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act or rules and
7 regulations promulgated by the Board pursuant to this act;

8 9. Maintain a record listing the name of each physical
9 therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed in this state;

10 10. Compile a list of physical therapists and physical
11 therapist assistants licensed to practice in this state. Said list
12 shall be available to any person upon application to the Board and
13 the payment of such fee as determined by the Board for the
14 reasonable expense thereof pursuant to the provisions of the
15 Physical Therapy Practice Act;

16 11. Make such expenditures and employ such personnel as it may
17 deem necessary for the administration of the provisions of the
18 Physical Therapy Practice Act; and

19 12. Conduct state and national criminal history record checks
20 as determined by the Board through the Oklahoma State Bureau of
21 Investigation pursuant to Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes and Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with 28
23 U.S.C., Section 534 and 34 U.S.C., Section 40316; provided, however,
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1 that reports from such record checks shall not be shared with
2 entities outside of this state.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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