

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0155

Physical therapy-referrals and consultations.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon, Iekel, Lockhart,  
Nicholas and Reese and Senator(s) Massie,  
Peck and Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to physical therapy; amending the  
2 requirement that physical therapy be provided only under  
3 authority of specified health care providers; requiring  
4 consultations, referrals and disclosures as specified; and  
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-25-102(c) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (e) and 33-25-111(a) by creating a new paragraph  
11 (xii) are amended to read:

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13 **33-25-102. Practice of physical therapy; license**  
14 **required; exceptions; false representations.**

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1           (c) ~~No person shall~~ A physical therapist may initiate  
2 physical therapy treatment ~~unless under the authority or~~  
3 ~~supervision of a physician or pursuant to~~ for a new or  
4 recurring injury with or without a prescription from a  
5 licensed physician, podiatrist, advanced practitioner of  
6 nursing, ~~or dentist~~ or physician assistant. Except for  
7 patients or clients participating in wellness, fitness or  
8 health screenings or receiving physical therapy services  
9 under an individualized education program or a  
10 individualized family services plan, a physical therapist  
11 shall refer the patient or client to a licensed physician,  
12 podiatrist, advanced practitioner of nursing, dentist or  
13 physician assistant, as appropriate, when:

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15           (i) The physical therapist has reasonable cause  
16 to believe symptoms or conditions are present that require  
17 services beyond the scope of physical therapy practice;

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19           (ii) Physical therapy is contraindicated; or

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21           (iii) The patient or client has received  
22 physical therapy services without a prescription for twelve  
23 (12) visits or for a thirty (30) day period, whichever  
24 occurs earlier, and further services may be necessary.

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2 (e) Prior to any physical therapy service, the  
3 patient or client shall be directed to posted information  
4 explaining:

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6 (i) The education level and degrees held by the  
7 treating physical therapist;

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9 (ii) That coverage is not available through  
10 Medicaid unless prescribed by a physician, physician's  
11 assistant or nurse practitioner; and

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13 (iii) That the patient's or client's insurance  
14 may not cover the service.

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16 **33-25-111. Denial, suspension or revocation of**  
17 **license or registration.**

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19 (a) The board may limit the scope of practice allowed  
20 by the license or registration, or condition the retention  
21 of a license or registration upon successful completion of  
22 any reasonable requirement, or may refuse to license or  
23 register any applicant or may refuse to renew the license

1 or registration of any person or may suspend or revoke the  
2 license or registration of any individual, who:

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4 (xii) Fails to refer a patient or client or post  
5 information as required by W.S. 33-25-102(c) and (e).

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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