

February 2, 2004

Representative Morrison,

The Kansas Physical Therapy Association requests the introduction of a bill which would allow for the following:

1. Add language that would allow Physical Therapists to accept referrals from licensed physician assistants and licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners.
2. Add language that would allow Physical Therapists to initiate treatment/provide services without consultation and approval for:
 - a. Children with disabilities or developmental delays in educational settings;
 - b. Physical therapy as part of a home health care agency plan of care;
 - c. Physical therapy to a patient in an adult care home pursuant to the patient's plan of care as established by the adult care home facility;
 - d. Physical therapy as part of a program aimed at reducing the risk of injury, impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and quality of life in all age populations;
 - e. Physical therapy to an individual for an injury or condition that was the subject of a prior physical therapy referral, with notification to the referring health care provider who rendered the previous referral, within 5 business days of the commencement of physical therapy;

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
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KPTA President