

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

GENERAL RULES

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R 338.7109 Rescission.

Rule 9. R 338.1131 to R 338.1151 of the Michigan Administrative Code, appearing on pages 2469 to 2472 of the 1979 Michigan Administrative Code, are rescinded.

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PART 1. DEFINITIONS

R 338.7121 Definitions.

Rule 21. As used in these rules:

(a) "Board" means the board of physical therapy.

(b) "Code" means 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101, et seq.

(c) "Department" means the department of community health.

(d) "Intervention" means the purposeful and skillful interaction of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant with the patient or client and, if appropriate, with other individuals involved in the care of the patient or client, using various physical therapy methods and techniques to produce changes that are consistent with the diagnosis and prognosis.

(e) "Patient or client of record" means a patient or client who has been examined and diagnosed by a licensed individual who is authorized to prescribe physical therapy under section 17820(1) of the code and who has been referred to a licensed physical therapist for examination and treatment.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

PART 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.7122 Prescription.

Rule 22. (1) As used in these rules, a prescription is a written or electronic order for physical therapy. A prescription shall include all of the following:

- (a) The name of the patient.
 - (b) The patient's medical diagnosis.
 - (c) The signature of either an individual who is licensed and authorized to prescribe physical therapy in Michigan or an individual who holds the equivalent license issued by another state, as provided in section 17820(1) of the code .
 - (d) The date that the prescription was written.
- (2) A prescription is valid for 90 days from the date that the prescription was written unless the termination date is otherwise stated by the authorized licensee on the prescription.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7123 Factors in assessing fines.

Rule 23. When a fine is designated as an available sanction for a violation of the public health code under section 16226 of the code, the board may take into consideration the following factors in assessing a fine:

- (a) The extent to which the licensee obtained financial benefit.
- (b) The willfulness of the conduct.
- (c) The public harm, actual or potential.
- (d) The cost incurred in investigating and proceeding against the licensee.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7124 Prohibited conduct.

Rule 24. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following acts or omissions by any individual covered by these rules:

- (a) Practicing outside of the boundaries of professional competence, based on education, training, and experience.
- (b) Failing to provide or arrange for the provision or continuity of necessary physical therapy service.
- (c) Engaging in harassment or unfair discrimination based on age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any basis proscribed by law.
- (d) Being involved in a dual or multiple relationship with a current or former patient or client or a member of the individual's immediate family, when there is a risk of harm to, or exploitation of, the patient or client. As used in this rule, "dual or multiple relationship" means a relationship in which a licensee is in a professional role with an individual and 1 or more of the following occurs at the same time. All of the following apply:
 - (i) The licensee takes on a professional role even though a personal, scientific, legal, financial, or other relationship could impair the exercise of professional discretion or make the interests of a patient or client secondary to those of the licensee.
 - (ii) The licensee takes advantage of any professional relationship or exploits others to further his or her personal, religious, political, business, or financial interests, including inducing a patient or client to solicit business on behalf of the licensee.
 - (iii) The licensee solicits or engages in a sexual relationship with a current patient or client.
 - (iv) The licensee solicits or engages in a sexual relationship with an individual, other than a consenting adult, to whom the licensee is delegating the performance of selected acts, tasks, functions, or interventions in the treatment of a patient or client.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7125 Patient records.

Rule 25. A licensee who practices physical therapy shall keep and maintain a patient record for each patient or client, minor or otherwise, for whom the licensee has provided physical therapy services, consistent with section 16213 of the code.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

PART 3. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

R 338.7131 Program accreditation standards; physical therapist; adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 31. (1) The board approves and adopts by reference in these rules the standards and evaluative criteria for accreditation of physical therapist educational programs set forth by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education in the document entitled "Evaluative Criteria for Accreditation of Education Programs for the Preparation of Physical Therapists," effective January 1, 2006. Copies of the evaluative criteria are available at no cost from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, at the Commission's website at <http://www.apta.org>. Copies of the evaluative criteria also are available for inspection and distribution at no cost from the Board of Physical Therapy, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) Any educational program for physical therapists that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education qualifies as a physical therapist educational program approved by the board.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7132 Licensure by examination; physical therapist; requirements.

Rule 32. An applicant for a physical therapist license by examination shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these administrative rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.7131.

(b) Pass a physical therapist licensure examination that is approved by the board.

(c) Pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7133 Examinations; physical therapist; adoption and approval; passing scores.

Rule 33. (1) The board approves and adopts the national physical therapist examination that was developed, administered, and scored by the federation of state boards of physical therapy (fsbpt). The board adopts the passing score recommended by the fsbpt.

(2) The board approves the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department. The passing score on the laws and rules examination is a converted score of not less than 75.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7134 Physical therapist examination; eligibility.

Rule 34. (1) To ensure eligibility for the physical therapist licensure examination, an applicant shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board in R 338.7131.

(b) Comply with the requirements of R 338.7135.

(c) Submit documentation acceptable to the board verifying that the applicant is currently enrolled in the final semester, term, or quarter of an approved physical therapist educational program and is expected to graduate.

(2) An applicant who fails to achieve passing scores on the examinations required in R 338. 7133 may retake either or both of the examinations without limitation.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7135 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; physical therapist; examination; eligibility.

Rule 35. To ensure eligibility for examination, an applicant who graduated from a non-accredited postsecondary institution shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(a) Verify that the applicant has completed a physical therapist educational program that is substantially equivalent to a physical therapist program that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education (capte), as provided in R 338.7131. Evidence of having completed a substantially equivalent physical therapist educational program includes an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education by the foreign credentialing commission on physical therapy (fccpt), 124 West Street South, Alexandria, VA 22314-2825, <http://www.fcpt.org>, or a substantially equivalent evaluation that utilizes the fsbpt's course work evaluation tool or the standards that were utilized by the fcpt at the time the applicant graduated.

(b) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's physical therapist educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall establish either of the following:

(i) The applicant has obtained a score of not less than 550 on the test of English as a foreign language (toefl) administered by the educational testing service and obtained a score of not less than 50 on the test of spoken English administered by the educational testing service.

(ii) The applicant has obtained a total score of not less than 89 on the test of English as a foreign language internet-based test (toefl ibt) administered by the educational testing service and obtained the following section scores:

(A) Not less than 21 on the reading section.

(B) Not less than 18 on the listening section.

(C) Not less than 26 on the speaking section.

(D) Not less than 24 on the writing section.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7136 Licensure by endorsement of physical therapist; requirements.

Rule 36. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist license by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these administrative rules, an applicant meets the requirements of section 16186 of the code if the applicant satisfies the requirements of this rule, as applicable, and achieves a minimum converted score of 75 on the examination of Michigan laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Michigan.

(2) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in the practice of physical therapy for 5 years or more immediately preceding the date of filing an application for

a Michigan physical therapist license, then the applicant shall pass the national physical therapist examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.7133(1).

(3) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in the practice of physical therapy for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist license, then the applicant shall comply with all of the following:

(a) Graduate from either a physical therapist educational program approved by the board under R 338.7131 or graduate from a physical therapist educational program determined to be substantially equivalent to the standards adopted by the board in R 338.7131.

(b) Pass the national physical therapist examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.7133(1).

(c) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's physical therapist educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall meet either of the requirements in R 338.7135(b).

(4) In addition to meeting the requirements of subrule (1) and either subrule (2) or (3) of this rule, as applicable, an applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a physical therapist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7137 Requirements for relicensure; physical therapist.

Rule 37. (1) An applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code if the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

(a) Submits a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(b) Passes the examination of Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy that is administered by the department with a minimum converted score of 75.

(2) An applicant whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(b) Passes the examination of Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy that is administered by the department with a minimum converted score of 75.

(c) Complies with either of the following:

(i) Establishes that he or she has been employed as a physical therapist in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of application for relicensure.

(ii) Passes the national physical therapy examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.7133(1).

(3) In addition to meeting the requirements of either subrule (1) or (2) of this rule, as applicable, an applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a physical therapist. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7138 Delegation of acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a physical therapist assistant; supervision of physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 38. (1) A physical therapist who delegates the performance of selected acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a physical therapist assistant as permitted under section 16215 of the code shall supervise the physical therapist assistant consistent with section 16109(2) of the code and satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a physical therapist assistant shall provide general supervision of the physical therapist assistant. As used in this subrule, "general supervision" means that the physical therapist is not required to be physically present on site, but must be continuously available at the time the procedure is performed. Continuously available includes availability by telecommunication or other electronic device.

(3) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, functions, or interventions under subrule (2) of this rule shall also comply with all of the following:

(a) Ensure the qualifications of the physical therapist assistant under the physical therapist's supervision, including verification of the physical therapist assistant's training, education, and licensure.

(b) Examine and evaluate the patient or client before delegating interventions to be performed by a physical therapist assistant.

(c) Provide supervision of a physical therapist assistant to whom acts, tasks, functions, or interventions have been delegated.

(d) Provide predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, functions, or interventions that have been delegated.

(e) Maintain a record of the names of the physical therapist assistants to whom acts, tasks, functions, or interventions have been delegated.

(f) Monitor a physical therapist assistant's practice and provision of assigned physical therapy acts, tasks, functions, or interventions.

(g) Meet regularly and in person with the physical therapist assistant to whom acts, tasks, functions, or interventions have been delegated to evaluate the assistant's performance, review records, and educate the physical therapist assistant on the acts, tasks, functions, or interventions that have been delegated.

(4) A physical therapist shall not supervise more than 4 physical therapist assistants at the same time.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7139 Delegation of acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual; direct supervision of an unlicensed individual; requirements.

Rule 39. (1) A physical therapist who delegates the performance of selected acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual as permitted under section 16215 of the code shall supervise the unlicensed individual consistent with section 16109(2) of the code and satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual shall provide direct supervision of the unlicensed individual. As used in this subrule, "direct supervision" means that the physical therapist is physically present and immediately available for direction and supervision when patients or clients are present at the time the act, task, or function is performed, and that the physical therapist has direct contact with the patient or client during each visit.

(3) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, or functions under subrule (2) of this rule shall also comply with all of the following:

(a) Ensure the qualifications of the unlicensed individual under the physical therapist's direct supervision, including verification of the unlicensed individual's training and education.

(b) Examine and evaluate the patient or client before delegating acts, tasks, or functions to be performed by an unlicensed individual.

(c) Supervise an unlicensed individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated.

(d) Provide predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated.

(e) Maintain a record of the names of the unlicensed individuals to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated.

(f) Monitor an unlicensed individual's practice and provision of assigned acts, tasks, or functions.

(g) Meet regularly and in person with the unlicensed individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated to evaluate the individual's performance, review records, and educate the unlicensed individual on the acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated.

(4) A physical therapist shall not supervise more than 3 unlicensed individuals at the same time, regardless of whether the physical therapist has delegated the supervision of an unlicensed individual to a physical therapist assistant in accordance with R 338.7150.

(5) A physical therapist shall not delegate the performance of a physical therapy intervention to an unlicensed individual.

(6) Under section 16171 of the code, the requirements of subrules (2), (3)(b), and (5) of this rule do not apply to a student enrolled in an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

PART 4. PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

R 338.7141 Program accreditation standards; physical therapist assistant; adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 41. (1) The board approves and adopts by reference in these rules the standards and evaluative criteria for accreditation of physical therapist assistant educational programs set forth by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education in the document entitled "Evaluative Criteria for Accreditation of Education Programs for the Preparation of Physical Therapist Assistants," effective January 1, 2010. Copies of the evaluative criteria are available at no cost from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, at the Commission's website at <http://www.apta.org>. Copies of the evaluative criteria also are available for inspection and distribution at no cost from the Board of Physical Therapy, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Community Health, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) Any educational program for physical therapist assistants that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education qualifies as a physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7142 Licensure by examination; physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 42. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist assistant license by examination shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these administrative rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.7141.

(b) Pass a physical therapist assistant licensure examination that is approved by the board.

(c) Pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department.

(2) If an applicant graduated on or before January 1, 2008, from an accredited educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board in R 338.7141, then the applicant presumably meets the requirements of this rule.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7143 Limited license; physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 43. (1) An applicant for a limited license as a physical therapist assistant, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these administrative rules, shall satisfy the requirements of this rule, as applicable.

(2) An applicant who graduated from a board-approved educational program on or before January 1, 2008, shall submit a completed application for a limited license on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(3) An applicant who graduated from a board-approved educational program after January 1, 2008, but who still must complete a physical therapist assistant licensure examination approved by the board shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) Submit a completed application for a limited license on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(b) Comply with both of the following before the expiration of the limited license:

(i) Pass a physical therapist assistant licensure examination that is approved by the board.

(ii) Pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department.

(4) The department shall not issue a limited license after December 31, 2010.

(5) A limited license is valid through December 31, 2011, and may not be renewed after that date.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7144 Implementation of licensing program.

Rule 44. Effective January 1, 2011, any individual who intends to practice as a physical therapist assistant in Michigan shall possess a Michigan license to practice in this state.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7145 Examinations; physical therapist assistant; adoption and approval; passing score.

Rule 45. (1) The board approves and adopts the national physical therapist assistant examination that was developed, administered, and scored by the fsbpt. The board adopts the passing score recommended by the fsbpt.

(2) The board approves the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department. The passing score on the laws and rules examination is a converted score of not less than 75.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7146 Physical therapist assistant examination; eligibility.

Rule 46. (1) To ensure eligibility for the physical therapist assistant licensure examination, an applicant shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards adopted by the board in R 338.7141.

(b) Comply with the requirements of R 338.7147.

(c) Submit documentation acceptable to the board verifying that the applicant is currently enrolled in the final semester, term, or quarter of an approved physical therapist assistant educational program and is expected to graduate.

(2) An applicant who fails to achieve passing scores on the examinations required in R 338.7145(1) and (2) may retake either or both of the examinations without limitation.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7147 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; physical therapist assistant; examination; eligibility.

Rule 47. To ensure eligibility for examination, an applicant who graduated from a United States military or non-accredited postsecondary institution shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(a) Verify that the applicant has completed a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program that is substantially equivalent to a physical therapist assistant program that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education (capte), as provided in R 338.7141. Evidence of having completed a substantially equivalent physical therapist assistant educational program includes an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education by the foreign credentialing commission on physical therapy (fccpt), 124 West Street South, Alexandria, VA 22314-2825, <http://www.fccpt.org>, or a substantially equivalent evaluation that utilizes the fsbpt's course work evaluation tool or the standards that were utilized by the fccpt at the time the applicant graduated.

(b) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, if the applicant's physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall meet either of the requirements in R 338.7135(b).

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7148 Licensure by endorsement of physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 48. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist assistant license by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these administrative rules, an applicant who satisfies the requirements of this rule, as applicable, and achieves a minimum converted score of 75 on the examination of Michigan laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Michigan meets the requirements of section 16186 of the code.

(2) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant for 5 years or more immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist assistant license, then the applicant shall pass the national physical therapist assistant examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.7145(1).

(3) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist assistant license, then the applicant shall comply with all of the following:

(a) Graduate from a physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board under R 338.7141 or graduate from a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program determined to be substantially equivalent to the standards adopted by the board in R 338.7141.

(b) Pass the national physical therapist assistant examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.7145(1).

(c) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall meet either of the requirements in R 338.7135(b).

(4) In addition to meeting the requirements of subrule (1) and either subrule (2) or (3) of this rule, as applicable, an applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a physical therapist assistant. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7149 Requirements for relicensure; physical therapist assistant.

Rule 49. (1) An applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code if the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

(a) Submits a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(b) Passes the examination of Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy that is administered by the department with a minimum converted score of 75.

(2) An applicant whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.

(b) Passes the examination of Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy that is administered by the department with a minimum converted score of 75.

(c) Complies with either of the following:

(i) Establishes that he or she has been employed as a physical therapist assistant in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of application for relicensure.

(ii) Passes the national physical therapist assistant examination with a score adopted by the board under R 338.7145(1).

(3) In addition to meeting the requirements of either subrule (1) or (2) of this rule, as applicable, an applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or ever held a license as a physical therapist assistant. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 MR 22, Eff. Nov, 29, 2010.

R 338.7150 Delegation of acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual; direct supervision of unlicensed individual; requirements.

Rule 50. (1) A physical therapist assistant who delegates the performance of selected acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual as permitted under section 16215 of the code shall supervise the unlicensed individual consistent with section 16109(2) of the code and satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) A physical therapist assistant who delegates acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual shall provide direct supervision of the unlicensed individual. As used in this subrule, "direct supervision" means that the physical therapist assistant is physically present and immediately available for direction and supervision when patients or clients are present at the time the act, task, or function is performed, and that the physical therapist assistant has direct contact with the patient or client during each visit.

(3) A physical therapist assistant who delegates acts, tasks, or functions under subrule (2) of this rule shall also comply with all of the following:

(a) Examine the patient or client before delegating acts, tasks, or functions to be performed by an unlicensed individual.

(b) Supervise an unlicensed individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated.

(c) Follow predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated.

(d) Maintain a record of the names of the unlicensed individuals to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated.

(e) Monitor an unlicensed individual's practice and provision of assigned acts, tasks, or functions.

(f) Delegate only those acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual that are within the physical therapist assistant's responsibilities as delegated by the supervising physical therapist.

(4) A physical therapist assistant shall not supervise more than 3 unlicensed individuals at the same time.

(5) A physical therapist assistant shall not delegate the performance of a physical therapy intervention to an unlicensed individual.

(6) Under section 16171 of the code, the requirements of subrules (2), (3)(a), and (5) of this rule do not apply to a student enrolled in an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board.

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