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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE  
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD  
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison  
Contact: Brad Wojciechowski (608) 266-2112  
November 5, 2025**

*The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a description of the actions of the Board.*

**AGENDA**

**8:30 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

**A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**

**B. Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2025 (4-6)**

**C. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns**

**D. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition**

1. Introduction: Lisa Bader, Physical Therapist Assistant Member (Succeeds: Barbara A. Carter)
2. Recognition: Barbara A. Carter, Physical Therapist Assistant Member (Resigned: 7/1/2025)

**E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration**

1. Department, Staff and Board Updates
2. Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
  - a. Bader, Lisa – 7/1/2029
  - b. Brewer, Kate – 7/1/2028
  - c. Bulkow, Brad – 7/1/2027
  - d. Johnson, Steven W. – 7/1/2029
  - e. McEldowney, Todd – 7/1/2025

**F. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration**

**G. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (7-19)**

1. Preliminary Rule Draft: PT 1, relating to compact privilege process clarification **(8-10)**
2. Preliminary Rule Draft: PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of PTAs **(11-15)**
3. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects **(16-19)**
  - a. Possible rulemaking project: PT 9, relating to continuing education providers

- H. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- I. **Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports**
  - 1. Travel Report: FSBPT 2025 Annual Education Meeting – October 23-25, 2025 – Spokane, WA (Johnson, Brewer)
- J. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda
  - 1. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
  - 2. Administrative Matters
  - 3. Election of Officers
  - 4. Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
  - 5. Delegation of Authorities
  - 6. Education and Examination Matters
  - 7. Credentialing Matters
  - 8. Practice Matters
  - 9. Legislative and Policy Matters
  - 10. Administrative Rule Matters
  - 11. Liaison Reports
  - 12. Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
  - 13. Public Health Emergencies
  - 14. Informational Items
  - 15. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
  - 16. Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
  - 17. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
  - 18. Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
  - 19. Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
  - 20. Presentation of Interim Orders
  - 21. Petitions for Re-Hearing
  - 22. Petitions for Assessments
  - 23. Petitions to Vacate Orders
  - 24. Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
  - 25. Motions
  - 26. Petitions
  - 27. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
  - 28. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports

**K. Public Comments**

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).**

**L. Deliberation on DLSC Matters**

- 1. **Case Closing**
  - a. 25 PHT 0001 – J.M.J. (20-30)

**M. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda**

- 1. Education and Examination Matters
- 2. Credentialing Matters

3. DLSC Matters
4. Monitoring Matters
5. Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
6. Petitions for Summary Suspensions
7. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
8. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
9. Proposed Interim Orders
10. Administrative Warnings
11. Review of Administrative Warnings
12. Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
13. Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
14. Case Closings
15. Board Liaison Training
16. Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
17. Petitions to Vacate Orders
18. Remedial Education Cases
19. Motions
20. Petitions for Re-Hearing
21. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

N. Consulting with Legal Counsel

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

O. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate

P. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

Q. Delegation and Ratification of Examinations, Licenses and Certificates

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE  
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Kate Brewer, PT; Brad Bulkow, PT; Steven Johnson, PT

**ABSENT:** Barbara Carter, PTA; Todd McEldowney

**STAFF:** Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Jameson Whitney, Legal Counsel; Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rule Coordinator; Tracy Drinkwater, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Steven Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with three (3) members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2025**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2025, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to convene to Closed Session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Steven Johnson, Chairperson, read the language of the motion aloud for the record. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Kate Brewer-yes; Brad Bulkow-yes; and Steven Johnson-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:10 a.m.

**CREDENTIALING MATTERS**

**Application Review**

***K.N. – Continuing Education Waiver Request (IA# 567172)***

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Kate Brewer, to authorize Board Counsel to request additional information from the Applicant in the matter of renewal of credential #IA-567172. Once the additional information is received the

Chairperson may act on the application including denial or three-option letter if appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DELIBERATION ON DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC) MATTERS**

### **Administrative Warnings**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Kate Brewer, to issue an Administrative Warning in the following DLSC Cases:

1. 24 PHT 0021 – M.R.P.
2. 25 PHT 0006 – L.L.J.A.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Case Closings**

#### ***24 PHT 0019 – J.F.S.***

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Kate Brewer, to close DLSC Case Number 24 PHT 0019, against J.F.S., for No Violation. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS**

### ***Jeanna L. Viramontes, Respondent (DHA Case Number SPS-25-0001/ DLSC Case Number 24 PHT 0010)***

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jeanna L. Viramontes, Respondent – DHA Case Number SPS-25-0001/ DLSC Case Number 24 PHT 0010. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:39 a.m.

## **VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

*(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the Closed Session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)*

## **DELEGATION AND RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATIONS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to delegate ratification of examination results to DSPS staff and to delegate and ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

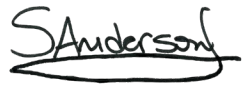
**MOTION:** Steven Johnson moved, seconded by Brad Bulkow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

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| <b>1) Name and title of person submitting the request:</b><br>Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>2) Date when request submitted:</b><br>10/23/2025<br><small>Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:</b><br>Physical Therapy Examining Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>4) Meeting Date:</b><br>November 5, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5) Attachments:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                              | <b>6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?</b><br>Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration<br>1. Preliminary rule draft: PT 1, relating to compact privilege process clarification.<br>2. Preliminary rule draft: PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of PTAs.<br>3. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects.<br>a. Possible rulemaking project: PT 9, relating to continuing education providers |  |
| <b>7) Place Item in:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session<br><input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled?</b> <i>(If yes, please complete <a href="#">Appearance Request</a> for Non-DSPS Staff)</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <b>9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:</b><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <b>10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:</b><br><br>Attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary rule draft: PT 1, relating to compact privilege process clarification.</li> <li>Preliminary rule draft: PT 1 and 5, relating to telehealth and supervision of PTAs.</li> <li>Chapter PT 9.</li> <li>Physical Therapy Rules Chart</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>11) Authorization</b><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <br/> <hr/> <b>Signature of person making this request</b> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">         10/23/2025<br/> <hr/> <b>Date</b> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <hr/> <b>Supervisor (if required)</b> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <hr/> <b>Date</b> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <hr/> <b>Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda)</b> </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <hr/> <b>Date</b> </div> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>Directions for including supporting documents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda.</li> <li>2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director.</li> <li>3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

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PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Physical Therapy Examining Board **to amend** PT 1.04 (intro), (2), (3), and (Note); and **to repeal and recreate** PT 1.04 (1), relating to compact privilege process clarification.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** Subchapter IX of ch. 448, Stats.

**Statutory authority:** Sections 15.08 (5) (b), and 227.11 (2) (a), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides that an examining board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., provides that “[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute...”

**Related statute or rule:**

Subchapter IX of ch. 448, Stats.

**Plain language analysis:**

The Board reviewed chapter PT 1 and clarified the compact privilege requirements process in PT 1.04 in order to comply with the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact process set forth in subchapter XI of chapter 448 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Physical Therapy Compact Commission.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:**

None

**Summary of public comments received on statement of scope and a description of how and to what extent those comments and feedback were taken into account in drafting the proposed rule:**

N/A

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:**

Illinois is not a member state of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

**Iowa:**

Iowa is a member state of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact and is actively issuing compact privileges. Rules of the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy address issuing compact privilege and the practice of physical therapy under a compact privilege (645 IAC 200.3).

**Michigan:**

Michigan is not a member state of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

**Minnesota:**

Minnesota is not a member state of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The proposed rules were developed by reviewing subch. IX of ch. 448, Stats., which ratifies the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, ch. OT 2, and conducting an evaluation and update of the Physical Therapy Examining Board's rules to ensure that the code is compliant with current standards of practice .

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The proposed rules will be posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 266-2112.

**Agency contact person:**

Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8306; email at DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

**Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:**

Comments may be submitted to Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, WI 53708-8366, or by email to DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be received on or before the public hearing, held on a **date to be determined**, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. PT 1.04 (intro) is amended to read:

**PT 1.04 Compact privilege requirements.** Every person applying for a compact privilege shall ~~submit to the board~~ meet all of the following requirements:

SECTION 2. PT 1.04 (1) is repealed and recreated to read:

**(1)** Complete the compact application process.

SECTION 3. PT 1.04 (2), (3), and (Note) are amended to read:

**(2)** ~~The~~ Payment of the fee specified in s. 448.985 (3) (d), Stats.

**(3)** ~~Evidence of successful completion of~~ Successfully pass the examination specified in s. PT 2.01 (6) (c).

**Note:** ~~An application~~ Application instructions for a compact privilege may be obtained from the department of safety and professional services' website at [www.dsps.wi.gov](http://www.dsps.wi.gov).

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

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PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Physical Therapy Examining Board **to amend** PT 5.01 (2) (h) and **to create** PT 1.02 (12m) relating to supervision of physical therapist assistants

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** Section 448.56, Stats.

**Statutory authority:** Sections 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) (a), 440.17, and 448.56 (6), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides an examining board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains. . .”

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., provides that “[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute...”

Section 440.17, Stats., provides that “[i]f the department, an examining board, or an affiliated credentialing board promulgates rules related to telehealth, the department, the examining board, or the affiliated credentialing board shall define ‘telehealth’ to have the meaning given in s. 440.01 (1) (hm).”

Section 448.56 (6), Stats., provides that “[a] physical therapist assistant may assist a physical therapist in the practice of physical therapy if the physical therapist provides direct or general supervision of the physical therapist assistant. The examining board shall promulgate rules defining ‘direct or general supervision’ for purposes of this subsection. Nothing in this subsection interferes with delegation authority under any other provision of this chapter.”

**Related statute or rule:**

Chapters PT 1 and 5

**Plain language analysis:**

The Board reviewed the supervision requirements in chapter PT 5 in order to bring it up to current standards of practice in supervising physical therapist assistants according to new telehealth practice based on the changes of 2021 Wisconsin Act 121. The following are the changes made by the Board:

1. Added a definition of “telehealth” in PT 1.02 (12m).
2. Amended the provision in PT 5.01 (2) (h) to remove the term “on-site” as a requirement for the assessment and reevaluation of a patient when a physical therapist is providing supervision. This was done to allow for the assessment and reevaluation to be done via telehealth, provided specific conditions are met.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:**

None

**Summary of public comments received on statement of scope and a description of how and to what extent those comments and feedback were taken into account in drafting the proposed rule:**

N/A

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:****Illinois**

The Illinois Physical Therapy Act states that physical therapist assistants can perform patient care activities under the general supervision of a licensed physical therapist, who must maintain continual contact with the physical therapist assistant including periodic personal supervision and instruction. In the case of physical therapist or physical therapist assistant students, the physical therapist supervising shall be on-site and readily available for direct supervision and instruction to protect the safety and welfare of the patient. Per the Act, a physical therapist assistant working under supervision may provide physical therapy via telehealth as long as it is not an initial evaluation without a referral or established diagnosis, which can only be performed by a physical therapist. The Act also states that the use of telehealth must be an exception in case of documented hardships related to geographical, physical, or weather-related conditions. Additionally, the patient must be able to request and receive in-person care at any point of the treatment, which means a physical therapy practice must have the capacity to provide in-person care within the State of Illinois. [225 ILCS 90]

**Iowa**

Iowa establishes that a physical therapist who is providing supervision must be readily available on-site or telephonically for advice, assistance, or instruction any time a physical therapist assistant is providing physical therapy services. The supervising physical therapist shall hold regularly scheduled meetings with the physical therapist assistant to evaluate their performance, assess the progress of the patient, and make changes to the plan of care as needed. The frequency of the meetings should be determined by the supervising physical therapist based on the needs of the patient, the supervisory needs of the physical therapist assistant, and any planned discharge. The minimum frequency of direct participation by a supervising physical therapist shall be determined by the physical therapist using professional judgment and based on the needs of the patient. The Code states that direct participation can occur through an in-person or telehealth visit and establishes minimum standards depending on the setting where the physical therapy services are being performed. In a hospital inpatient and skilled nursing, the direct participation has to happen at least once per calendar week. In all other setting, the direct participation must happen at least every 8<sup>th</sup> visit or every 30 calendar days, whichever comes first. [481 IAC 801.4]

In regard to telehealth visits, Iowa provides that a licensee may engage in telehealth visits as long as they are held to the same standard of care as a licensee who provides in-person physical therapy and that telehealth visits should not be used if the technology does not guarantee the same standard of care as an in-person visit. [481 IAC 801.3]

### **Michigan**

Michigan establishes that a physical therapist shall supervise a physical therapist assistant to whom they have delegated acts, tasks, or functions. This supervision shall include regular meetings to evaluate the physical therapist assistant's performance, review records, and educate the physical therapist assistant on the acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated. [MI Admin. Code R 338.7138]

Michigan also establishes that telehealth visits are permissible provided that the licensee is acting within the scope of their practice and is exercising the same standard of care applicable to a traditional, in-person healthcare service. [MI Admin Code R 338.7127]

### **Minnesota**

Minnesota establishes that physical therapist who delegate components of a patient's treatment to a physical therapist assistant shall provide on-site observation of the treatment and documentation of its appropriateness at least every 6 treatment sessions. However, the provision declares that the physical therapist is not required to be on site but must be easily available by telecommunications. [MN Statutes Section 148.706]

### **Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The Board reviewed chs. PT 1 and 5 to clarify the requirements of telehealth and supervision of physical therapist assistants. The Board also researched the legislation in adjacent states when determining the conditions for appropriate electronic communications when providing supervision to physical physical assistants.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The proposed rules will be posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Daniel.Hereth@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

**Agency contact person:**

Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8306; email at DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov.

**Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:**

Comments may be submitted to Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Policy Development, 4822 Madison Yards Way, P.O. Box 8366, Madison, WI 53708-8366, or by email to DSPSAdminRules@wisconsin.gov. Comments must be received on or before the public hearing, held on a date to be determined, to be included in the record of rule-making proceedings.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. PT 1.02 (12m) is created to read:

**PT 1.02 (12m)** "Telehealth" has the meaning given in s. 440.01 (1) (hm), Stats.

SECTION 2. PT 5.01 (2) (h) is amended to read:

**PT 5.01 (2) (h)** Provide ~~on-site~~ assessment and reevaluation of each patient at a minimum of one time per calendar month or every tenth treatment day, whichever is sooner, and adjust the treatment plan as appropriate. The assessment and reevaluation may be conducted via telehealth if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The supervising physical therapist, using their professional judgment, determines that telehealth is an appropriate modality for the patient's specific condition and circumstances.
2. The patient or their legal guardian has provided informed consent that is specific to the use of telehealth for these services.
3. The supervising physical therapist is responsible for all of the following:
  - a. Determining and documenting the clinical reasons why telehealth is appropriate for the assessment and reevaluation.
  - b. Ensuring that telehealth services are provided in real time, allowing for interactive communication between the physical therapist and the patient.
  - c. Determining that any person assisting the patient at the remote location during a telehealth session is capable of safely providing the necessary assistance.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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## Chapter PT 9

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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**PT 9.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted by the board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 448.55 (3), Stats., and govern required biennial continuing education of licensees of the board.

**History:** CR 03-020: cr. Register April 2004 No. 580, eff. 5-1-04; CR 12-002: am. Register August 2012 No. 680, eff. 9-1-12.

**PT 9.02 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) “Contact hour” means not less than 50 minutes a licensee spends in actual attendance at or completion of acceptable continuing education.

(2) “Continuing education” means planned, organized learning activities designed to maintain, improve, or expand a licensee’s knowledge and skills relevant to the enhancement of practice, education, or theory development to improve the safety and welfare of the public.

(4) “Licensee” means a person licensed to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in this state.

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**PT 9.03 Continuing education requirements.** (1) Unless granted a postponement or waiver under sub. (8), every physical therapist shall complete at least 30 hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial registration period, as specified in s. 448.55 (3), Stats. Four of the required 30 hours shall be in the area of ethics, jurisprudence, or both.

(2) Unless granted a postponement or waiver under sub. (8), every physical therapist assistant shall complete at least 20 hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial registration period, as specified in s. 448.55 (3), Stats. Four of the required 20 hours shall be in the area of ethics, jurisprudence, or both.

(3) Continuing education hours may apply only to the registration period in which the hours are acquired. If a license has lapsed, the board may grant permission to apply continuing education hours acquired after lapse of the license to a previous biennial period of licensure during which required continuing education was not acquired. In no case may continuing education hours be applied to more than one biennial period.

(4) Unless granted a postponement or waiver under sub. (8), a

licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements by the renewal deadline shall cease and desist from practice.

(5) During the time between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2-year licensure period new licensees shall not be required to meet continuing education requirements.

(6) Applicants from other states applying for a license to practice as a physical therapist under s. 448.53 (3), Stats., shall submit proof of completion of at least 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board within 2 years prior to application.

(7) Applicants from other states applying for a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant under s. 448.53 (3), Stats., shall submit proof of completion of at least 20 hours of continuing education approved by the board within 2 years prior to application.

(8) A licensee may apply to the board for a postponement or waiver of the requirements of this section on grounds of prolonged illness or disability, or on other grounds constituting extreme hardship. The board shall consider each application individually on its merits, and the board may grant a postponement, partial waiver or total waiver as deemed appropriate.

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**PT 9.04 Standards for approval.** (1) To be approved for credit, a continuing education program shall meet all of the following criteria:

(a) The program constitutes an organized program of learning that contributes directly to the licensee’s knowledge, skill, behavior, and abilities related to the practice of physical therapy.

(b) The program pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of the profession.

(c) The program is conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training or experience by reason of which the individuals should be considered qualified concerning the subject matter of the activity or program.

(d) The program fulfills pre-established goals and objectives.

(e) The program provides proof of attendance by licensees.

(2) An activity described in Table PT 9.04 may qualify for continuing education hours. To be approved for credit, the activity shall integrally relate to the practice of the profession.

TABLE PT 9.04

| ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | CONTACT HOUR LIMITS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| (a) Successful completion of relevant academic coursework.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No limit. One semester credit equals 10 contact hours, and one quarter credit equals 6.6 contact hours.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (b) Attendance at seminars, workshops, lectures, symposia, and professional conferences which are sponsored or approved by acceptable health-related or other organizations including the American Physical Therapy Association and the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association.           | No limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (c) Successful completion of a self-study course or courses offered via electronic or other means which are sponsored or approved by acceptable health-related or other organizations including the American Physical Therapy Association and the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association. | No limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (d) Earning a clinical specialization from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties or other recognized clinical specialization certifying organizations.                                                                                                                       | Up to 12 contact hours for initial certification or for recertification.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (e) Authorship of a book about physical therapy or a related professional area.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Up to 12 contact hours for each book.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (f) Authorship of one or more chapters of a book about physical therapy or a related professional area.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Up to 6 contact hours for each chapter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (g) Authorship of a presented scientific poster, scientific platform presentation, or published article.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Up to 6 contact hours for each poster, platform presentation, or refereed article.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (h) Presenting seminars, continuing education courses, workshops, lectures, or symposia which have been approved by recognized health-related organizations including the American Physical Therapy Association and the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association.                           | No limit for the initial presentation. No additional hours are given for subsequent presentations of the same content. Substantive course revisions may be counted, but are limited to the extent of the revision.                                                        |
| (i) Teaching in an academic course in physical therapy as a guest lecturer.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | One semester credit equals 10 contact hours, and one quarter credit equals 6.6 contact hours. No additional hours are given for subsequent presentations of the same content. Substantive course revisions may be counted, but are limited to the extent of the revision. |
| (j) Teaching in an academic course in physical therapy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | One semester credit equals 10 contact hours, and one quarter credit equals 6.6 contact hours. No additional hours are given for subsequent presentations of the same content. Substantive course revisions may be counted, but are limited to the extent of the revision. |
| (k) Successful completion in a clinical residency program credentialed by the American Physical Therapy Association or other recognized credentialing organization.                                                                                                                       | No limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (L) Employer-provided continuing education.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Up to 15 contact hours for physical therapists.<br>Up to 10 contact hours for physical therapist assistants.                                                                                                                                                              |
| (m) Authoring an article in a non-refereed publication.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Up to 5 contact hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (n) Developing alternative media materials, including computer software, programs, and video instructional material.                                                                                                                                                                      | One contact hour per product. Up to 5 contact hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| (o) Serving as a clinical instructor for internships with an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program.                                                                                                                                           | Up to 15 contact hours for physical therapists.<br>Up to 10 contact hours for physical therapist assistants.                                                                                                                                                              |
| (p) Serving as a supervisor for students fulfilling clinical observation requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | One contact hour per contact hour with students, up to 5 contact hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

TABLE PT 9.04 (Continued)

| ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CONTACT HOUR LIMITS                                                                                |
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| (q) Participating in a physical therapy study group of 2 or more physical therapists or physical therapist assistants or in an interdisciplinary study group of members of at least 2 disciplines meeting on a topic relevant to the participants' work. | Up to 2 contact hours per study group.                                                             |
| (r) Participating as a resident or as a mentor in a formal nonacademic mentorship.                                                                                                                                                                       | One contact hour per each 8 contact hours for both the resident and mentor, up to 5 contact hours. |
| (s) Attending a scientific poster session, lecture panel, or a symposium.                                                                                                                                                                                | Up to 2 contact hours.                                                                             |
| (t) Serving as a delegate to the American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates or a member of a professional committee, board, or task force.                                                                                                 | Up to 5 contact hours.                                                                             |

**(3)** None of the following activities qualify for continuing education hours:

- (a) Meetings for the purpose of policy decisions.
- (b) Non-educational meetings at annual association, chapter or organization meetings.
- (c) Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities.
- (d) Visiting exhibits.

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cr. Table 9.04 Register November 2008 No. 635, eff. 12-1-08; CR 17-091: am. (1) (a), (2), Table 9.04 lines (a), (h), (i), (j), (L), (n), (p), (r), (t), (3) (intro.) Register June 2018 No. 750, eff. 7-1-18.

**PT 9.05 Certification and audit of continuing education requirements.** Applicants for renewal shall certify completion of required continuing education hours. The board shall audit any licensee who is under investigation by the board for alleged misconduct.

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**Physical Therapy Examining Board  
Rule Projects (updated 10/23/2025)**

| <b>Clearinghouse Rule Number</b> | <b>Scope #</b> | <b>Scope Expiration</b> | <b>Code Chapter Affected</b> | <b>Relating clause</b>                                      | <b>Synopsis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Current Stage</b>                                                  | <b>Next Step</b>                                              |
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|                                  | 005-24         | 07/16/2026              | PT 1 and 5                   | Telehealth and supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants | The Board's primary objective is to review the supervision requirements in chapter PT 5 in order to bring it up to current standards of practice in supervising physical therapist assistants according to new telehealth practice. The Board will also conduct a comprehensive review of chapter PT 1 and 5 to implement the changes of 2021 Wisconsin Act 121 and make revisions to ensure statutory compliance. | Preliminary rule draft ready to be presented at the November meeting. | EIA Comment Period, Clearinghouse Review, and Public Hearing. |
|                                  | 010-25         | 08/24/2027              | PT 1                         | Compact privilege process clarification                     | The Board's objective is to clarify and update the language in the compact privilege process in order to comply with the process established by the PT Compact Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Preliminary rule draft ready to be presented at the November meeting. | EIA Comment Period, Clearinghouse Review, and Public Hearing. |