

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## Physical Therapy Examining Board

**Rule No.:** Chapters PT 10 and 1 to 9

**Relating to:** Authority of physical therapists to order X-rays

**Rule Type:** Permanent

**1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):**

None.

**2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The objective of the proposed rule is to, as required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 375, specify the qualifications a physical therapist is required to satisfy to order X-rays. This will require creation of ch. PT 10 to further detail the qualifications in s. 448.56 (7) (a) 1. to 4., Stats.

Chapters PT 1 to 9 may also need to be revised to reflect the change described above.

**3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

Chapters PT 1 to 9 currently contain all of the rules of the Physical Therapy Examining Board relating to the practice of physical therapy. As required by 2015 Wisconsin Act 375, new policy is proposed to specify the qualifications a physical therapist is required to satisfy to order X-rays. The alternative of not updating the rules would be contrary to this statutory requirement.

**4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides examining boards “shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains. . .”

Section 448.56 (7) (a) (intro.), Stats., provides “[a] physical therapist may order X-rays to be performed by qualified persons only if the physical therapist satisfies one of the following qualifications, as further specified by the examining board by rule ...”

**5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:**

State employees will spend approximately 100 hours developing the proposed rule.

**6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:**

Wisconsin licensed physical therapists.

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :**

None.

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

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