

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	2. Date October 4, 2021
3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) PT 1 and 5 - Permanent Rule	
4. Subject Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants	
5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected
7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget	
8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> State's Economy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)	
9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1). \$0	
10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule The Board conducted a review of the supervision requirements under s. PT 5.01, including evaluating alternative methods for a supervising physical therapist to maintain contact with physical therapist assistants and patients. As a result of this evaluation, the Board revised the requirements for supervision of physical therapist assistants under s. PT 5.01.	
12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments. The proposed rules were posted on the Department's website 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. No comments were received.	
13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA. None.	
14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred) The proposed rules do not have an economic and fiscal impact on specific businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local governmental units and the state's economy as a whole.	
15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule If the rules are not updated, continuity of care of individuals in need of physical therapy services may be adversely affected.	
16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule This rule project was initiated due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, providing clarification of supervision requirements for physical therapist assistant's has long term benefits by improving understanding for licensees, as well as aiding in improving continuity of patient care.	
17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government	

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None

18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois:

The Illinois Statutes require physical therapist assistants to perform patient care activities under the general supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The physical therapist must maintain continual contact with the physical therapist assistant including periodic personal supervision and instruction to ensure the safety and welfare of the patient [225 ILCS 90/2].

Iowa:

The Iowa Administrative Code provides that a supervising physical therapist who delegates the performance of physical therapy services to a physical therapist assistant must provide supervision to the physical therapist assistant at all times when the physical therapist assistant is providing delegated physical therapy services. Supervision means that the physical therapist must be readily available on site or telephonically anytime the physical therapist assistant is providing physical therapy services so that the physical therapist assistant may contact the physical therapist for advice, assistance, or instruction [645 IAC 200.6(1)].

Michigan:

Rules of the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy provide for delegation of acts, tasks, or functions to and supervision of unlicensed persons, including students enrolled in accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational programs approved by the board. A physical therapist is required to provide "direct supervision" of students, which means 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 the physical therapist has direct contact with the patient or client during each visit [Mich Admin Code, R 338.7139].

Minnesota:

The Minnesota Statutes require a physical therapist must provide on-site observation of treatment and documentation of a patient delegated to a physical therapist assistant, at least every six treatment sessions. The physical therapist does not have to be on-site, but must be easily accessible via telecommunications [Minnesota Statutes, section 148.706].

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes No
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