

**TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 20. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ASSISTANTS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking intent

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

435:20-1-1. Purpose [AMENDED]

435:20-1-1.1. Definitions [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Licensure of Physical Therapists and Assistants

435:20-3-3. Criteria for disqualification as a physical ~~therapy~~ therapist assistant [AMENDED]

435:20-3-5. Licensure by examination [AMENDED]

435:20-3-6. Requirements for renewal and re-entry [AMENDED]

435:20-3-7. Licensure by agreement [NEW]

Subchapter 5. Regulation of Practice

435:20-5-6. Physical therapists under probation [AMENDED]

435:20-5-10. Referrals [AMENDED]

435:20-5-11. Telehealth Regulations [NEW]

SUMMARY:

The Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, with the cooperation of the Physical Therapy Advisory Committee, intends to establish rules regulating the use of telemedicine while providing physical therapy. In addition to establishing telemedicine rules, there are amendments to a number of sections under Chapter 20 of Title 435, including updated definitions, amended language consistent with law regarding referrals, and new language allowing (Board) Secretary to enter into a written agreement with an applicant for licensure to provide assurance that the Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant may be able to practice physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety.

AUTHORITY:

Title 59 O.S. §§ 887.1 et seq; Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so by close of business on August 31, 2022, at the following address: Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, Attn: Barbara Smith, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or via email to bsmith@okmedicalboard.org.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022, at the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Anyone who wishes to speak must sign in at the door by 8:35 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision website at www.okmedicalboard.org or you may request a copy in person at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. Section 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and will be available in the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision office at the address listed above and on the Board's website at okmedicalboard.org no later than August 15, 2022.

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