

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
PROPOSED PERMANENT RULE**

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

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]

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED RULE:

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.

CLASSES AFFECTED:

The classes of persons most likely to be affected by the proposed amendments are Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, and those members of the public receiving care provided from a Physical Therapist and/or Physical Therapist Assistant. No information on cost impact has been received by the agency from private or public entities to date.

PERSONS BENEFITTED:

The classes of persons most likely to benefit from the proposed amendments are Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, and those members of the public receiving care provided from a Physical Therapist and/or Physical Therapist Assistant.

PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:

1. On affected classes: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.

2. On political subdivision: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.

3. Fees: There will be little or no impact due to the proposed changes in these rules.

PROBABLE COST TO THE AGENCY:

Minimal administrative only. No additional personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

WILL THE RULE IMPACT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

No economic impact, or a need for cooperation from political subdivisions, is anticipated.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT:

There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business, with reference to Sections 303 (A) (4) and 304 (b) (6) of the APA.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS AND COSTS OF COMPLIANCE:

There are no apparent alternative methods for compliance. The Agency does not anticipate any additional costs of administration due to implementation of these rule changes.

PUBLIC HEALTH/ SAFETY CONCERNS:

There will be no adverse impact or concerns with public safety or environment that will result for this proposed rule change.

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