



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: CENTRAL/WEST TEXAS
DHP Classification: PHYSICAL THERAPIST
Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):
<p>Physical Therapist: The Physical Therapist must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.</p>
<p>Definition of Care or Service: The Physical Therapist evaluates and treats patients recovering from injury or disease. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restores function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities • Examines patient's medical history • Test and measures patient's strength, range of motion, balance, coordination, posture, muscle performance and motor function • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers and physician practices • Patient care areas, all settings
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by department director, site manager or designee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indirect supervision by licensed physical therapist and Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) <p>Evaluator: Physical Therapy department director or designee</p>
<p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an accredited physical therapy program • Licensed by State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Experience: At least one year experience as a Physical Therapist in a hospital setting</p>
<p>Competencies: The Physical Therapist will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and effective operation of physical therapy equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistently obtains quality diagnostic outputs ○ Maintains equipment in good working order ○ Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation • Accurate patient information review and evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure ○ Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient's clinical history, presentation and physician order • Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accesses the patient medical record appropriately



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- Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard/policy
- Appropriate Diagnostic Examination Results
 - Performs physical therapy plan to comply with applicable protocols and treatment guidelines
 - Utilizes outcome measures to assess the results of interventions administered to patients
 - Notifies the appropriate health provider when immediate treatment is necessary, based on procedural findings and patient condition
 - Provides a written or oral summary of preliminary findings to the physician
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Required immunizations per DHP Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

References:

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Standards of Competence; adopted 2000, revised 2006;
www.fsbpt.org/download/StandardsofCompetence2006_10.pdf

United States Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statics; Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 edition;
Retrieved from <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos080.htm>

DHP Printed Name: _____ **DHP Signature:** _____

Company/Vendor: _____ **Date:** _____