



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: FAR WEST
DHP Classification: PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

<p>Physical Therapy Assistant: The Physical Therapist Assistant must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.</p>
<p>Definition of Care or Service: The Physical Therapist Assistant serves as a member of the physical therapy team by assisting the Physical Therapist. A licensed physical therapist shall at all times be responsible for all the physical therapy services provided by the physical therapy assistant. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers patient treatments as directed by Physical Therapist • Documents treatment outcomes in the medical record • Participates in discharge planning • Delivers patient/family/caregiver education • 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 <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 • Certified by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical therapy Education (CAPTE)
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<p>Experience: At least 1 year experience as a physical therapist assistant</p>
<p>Competencies: The Physical Therapy Assistant 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 ○ Accesses the patient medical record appropriately ○ Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard / policy • Appropriate Diagnostic Examination Results



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- 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 finding to licensed Physical Therapist
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Maintains current immunization for influenza
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

References:

American Physical Therapy Association (2011). Position Statement, HODP 06-01-18-19. Retrieved from www.APTA.org

DHP Printed Name: _____ DHP Signature: _____

Company/Vendor: _____ Date: _____