



# DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

<b>Division: FAR WEST</b>
<b>DHP Classification: PHYSICAL THERAPIST</b>
<b>Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):</b>

<p><b>Physical Therapist:</b> The Physical Therapist must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.</p>
<p><b>Definition of Care or Service:</b> The Physical Therapist evaluates and treats patients recovering from injury or disease. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restores function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities</li> <li>• Examines patient's medical history</li> <li>• Test and measures patient's strength, range of motion, balance, coordination, posture, muscle performance and motor function</li> <li>• Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians</li> </ul>
<p><b>Setting(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers and physician practices</li> <li>• Patient care areas, all settings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supervision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct supervision by department director, site manager or designee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indirect supervision by licensed physical therapist and Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Evaluator:</b> Physical Therapy department director or designee</p>
<p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an accredited physical therapy program</li> <li>• Licensed as a Physical Therapist</li> <li>• American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification</li> <li>• Certified by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists (ABPTS) preferred</li> </ul>
<p><b>State Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>Experience:</b> 1 yr experience as a Physical Therapist</p>
<p><b>Competencies:</b> The Physical Therapist will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and effective operation of physical therapy equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consistently obtains quality diagnostic outputs</li> <li>○ Maintains equipment in good working order</li> <li>○ Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Accurate patient information review and evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure</li> <li>○ Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient's clinical history, presentation and physician order</li> <li>• 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"> <li>○ Accesses the patient medical record appropriately</li> <li>○ Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard/policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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- 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)
  - Maintains current immunization for influenza
  - Complies with isolation precautions

**References:**

References:

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Standards of Competence; adopted 2000, revised 2006;  
[www.fsbpt.org/download/StandardsofCompetence2006\\_10.pdf](http://www.fsbpt.org/download/StandardsofCompetence2006_10.pdf)

United States Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statics; Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 edition;  
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