

STATE OF KANSAS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend **Substitute for HB 2159**, on page 1, in line 8, by striking "subsections (b) and (c)" and inserting "subsection (d)"; in line 22, after "licensed" by inserting "healthcare"; also in line 22, by striking "of the healing arts"; also in line 22, by striking "If treating a"; by striking all in lines 23 through 27; in line 28, by striking "prior to continuing treatment." and inserting "If treating a patient without a referral from a licensed healthcare practitioner and the patient is not progressing toward documented treatment goals as demonstrated by objective, measurable or functional improvement, or any combination thereof, after 10 patient visits or in a period of 15 business days from the initial treatment visit following the initial evaluation visit, the physical therapist shall obtain a referral from an appropriate licensed healthcare practitioner prior to continuing treatment."; also in line 28, by striking "must" and inserting "shall"; in line 29, after "licensed" by inserting "healthcare";

On page 2, following line 19, by inserting:

"(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a hospital or ambulatory surgical center from requiring a physician order or referral for physical therapy services for a patient currently being treated in such facility.

(e) When a patient self-refers to a physical therapist pursuant to this section, the physical therapist, prior to commencing treatment, shall provide written notice to the patient that a physical therapy diagnosis is not a medical diagnosis by a physician.

(f) Physical therapists shall perform wound debridement services only after approval by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or other licensed healthcare practitioner in appropriately related cases.

(g) As used in this section, "licensed healthcare practitioner" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a licensed podiatrist, a licensed physician assistant or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse working pursuant to the order or direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed dentist or licensed optometrist in appropriately related cases."

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