

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Statement of purpose. The Wyoming State Board of Physical Therapy Rules and Regulations are set forth and promulgated for the purpose of interpreting and implementing W. S. 33-25-101 through 33-25-116 et seq.

Section 2. Severability. If any provisions of these rules or the application thereof to any license or certificate holder or circumstance is determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of these rules which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of these rules are declared to be severable.

Section 3. Terms defined by Statute. Terms defined in W. S. 33-25-101 through 33-25-116 shall have the same meaning when used in these rules unless the context or subject matter clearly requires a different interpretation.

Section 4. Definitions. Unless specifically stated otherwise, the following definitions are applicable throughout this title:

(a) "Approved program" means a school of physical therapy or a program of physical therapist assistant training which is nationally accredited and approved by the Board.

(b) "Board" means the Wyoming State Board of Physical Therapy.

(c) "CAPTE" means Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

(d) "Consultation by means of telecommunications" means that a physical therapist renders professional or expert opinion or advice to another physical therapist or health care provider via telecommunications or computer technology from a distant location. It includes the transfer of data or exchange of educational or related information by means of audio, video, or data communications. The physical therapist may use telehealth technology as a vehicle for providing only services that are legally or professionally authorized. The patient's written or verbal consent will be obtained and documented prior to such consultation. All records used or resulting from a consultation by means of telecommunications are part of a patient's record and are subject to applicable confidentiality requirements.

(e) "Direct supervision" means the physical therapist is physically present on the premises and immediately available for direction and supervision. The physical therapist will have direct contact with the patient during each visit. Telecommunications does not meet the requirement for direct supervision.

(f) "Examination" means a national examination approved by the Board for the license of a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant.

(g) "FCCPT" means Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy.

(h) "FSBPT" means the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

(i) "ICD" means the International Consultants of Delaware.

(j) "IERF" means the International Education Research Foundation.

(k) "NPTE" means the National Physical Therapy Examination.

(l) "Restricted" for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant means a license or certificate on which the Board places restrictions or conditions, or both, as to scope of practice, place of practice, supervision of practice, duration of licensed status, or type or condition of patient or client to whom the license may provide services.

(m) "Student" is an individual who is currently engaged in the fulfillment of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the Board.

(n) "Supportive personnel" are persons other than licensed physical therapists who function in a physical therapy setting and assist with physical therapy care.

(o) "Testing" means standard methods and techniques used to gather data about the patient.