

# **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

<b>Division: FAR WEST</b>
<b>Classification: PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT</b>
<b>Applicant Name:</b>
<p><b>Physical Therapy Assistant:</b> The Physical Therapist Assistant 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 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"> <li>• Delivers patient treatments as directed by Physical Therapist</li> <li>• Documents treatment outcomes in the medical record</li> <li>• Participates in discharge planning</li> <li>• Delivers patient/family/caregiver education</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</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Evaluator:</b> Physical Therapy department Director or designee</p> <p><b>Tier Level:</b> 2</p> <p><b>eSAF Access Required:</b> YES</p>
<p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an accredited physical therapy program</li> <li>• Certified by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical therapy Education (CAPTE)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.</p>
<p><b>State Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>Experience:</b> At least 1 year experience as a physical therapist assistant</p>
<p><b>Competencies:</b> The Physical Therapy Assistant 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> </ul> </li> </ul>

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- Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation
  - 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
  - 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)
  - Required immunizations per Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions
  - Maintains sterile field

### References:

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

**Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.**

**Applicant Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_