



AN ACT ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO SUPERVISE PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-11-105, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 37-11-105, MCA, is amended to read:

**"37-11-105. Supervision of physical therapist assistant, physical therapy aide, physical therapy student, or physical therapist assistant student.** (1) A physical therapist assistant shall practice under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist who is responsible for and participates in a patient's care. This supervision requires the licensed physical therapist to make an onsite visit or a visit by means of telemedicine to the client at least once for every six visits made by the assistant or once every 2 weeks, whichever occurs first.

(2) A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than two full-time assistants or the equivalent. This supervision does not require the presence of the assistant.

(3) A physical therapy aide shall practice under the onsite supervision of a licensed physical therapist or a licensed assistant. A licensed assistant may not concurrently supervise more than one full-time aide or the equivalent. A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than four aides or the equivalent or two assistants and two aides or the equivalent.

(4) A physical therapy student or physical therapist assistant student shall practice with the onsite supervision of a licensed physical therapist."

- END -

I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0518, originated in the House.

---

Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

---

Chief Clerk of the House

---

President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

INTRODUCED BY E. BUTTREY, W. MCKAMEY

AN ACT ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO SUPERVISE PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS BY  
MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-11-105, MCA.