

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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."

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