

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 139,  
2 Page 6, Section 208.798, Line 2, by inserting immediately after said section and line the following:

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4 "334.506. 1. As used in this section, "approved health care provider" means a person  
5 holding a current and active license as a physician and surgeon under this chapter, a chiropractor  
6 under chapter 331, a dentist under chapter 332, a podiatrist under chapter 330, a physician assistant  
7 under this chapter, an advanced practice registered nurse under chapter 335, or any licensed and  
8 registered physician, chiropractor, dentist, or podiatrist practicing in another jurisdiction whose  
9 license is in good standing.

10 2. A physical therapist shall not initiate treatment for a new injury or illness without a  
11 prescription from an approved health care provider.

12 3. A physical therapist may provide educational resources and training, develop fitness or  
13 wellness programs for asymptomatic persons, or provide screening or consultative services within  
14 the scope of physical therapy practice without the prescription and direction of an approved health  
15 care provider.

16 4. A physical therapist may examine and treat without the prescription and direction of an  
17 approved health care provider any person with a recurring self-limited injury within one year of  
18 diagnosis by an approved health care provider or a chronic illness that has been previously  
19 diagnosed by an approved health care provider. The physical therapist shall:

20 (1) Contact the patient's current approved health care provider within seven days of  
21 initiating physical therapy services under this subsection;

22 (2) Not change an existing physical therapy referral available to the physical therapist  
23 without approval of the patient's current approved health care provider;

24 (3) Refer to an approved health care provider any patient whose medical condition at the  
25 time of examination or treatment is determined to be beyond the scope of practice of physical  
26 therapy;

27 (4) Refer to an approved health care provider any patient whose condition for which  
28 physical therapy services are rendered under this subsection has not been documented to be  
29 progressing toward documented treatment goals after six visits or fourteen days, whichever first  
30 occurs;

31 (5) Notify the patient's current approved health care provider prior to the continuation of  
32 treatment if treatment rendered under this subsection is to continue beyond thirty days. The  
33 physical therapist shall provide such notification for each successive period of thirty days.

34 5. The provision of physical therapy services of evaluation and screening pursuant to this  
35 section shall be limited to a physical therapist, and any authority for evaluation and screening  
36 granted within this section may not be delegated. Upon each reinitiation of physical therapy

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1 services, a physical therapist shall provide a full physical therapy evaluation prior to the reinitiation  
2 of physical therapy treatment. Physical therapy treatment provided pursuant to the provisions of  
3 subsection 4 of this section may be delegated by physical therapists to physical therapist assistants  
4 only if the patient's current approved health care provider has been so informed as part of the  
5 physical therapist's seven-day notification upon reinitiation of physical therapy services as required  
6 in subsection 4 of this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as to limit the ability of  
7 physical therapists or physical therapist assistants to provide physical therapy services in accordance  
8 with the provisions of this chapter, and upon the referral of an approved health care provider.  
9 Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an approved health care provider from acting within the  
10 scope of their practice as defined by the applicable chapters of RSMo.

11 6. No person licensed to practice, or applicant for licensure, as a physical therapist or  
12 physical therapist assistant shall make a medical diagnosis.

13 7. A physical therapist shall only delegate physical therapy treatment to a physical therapist  
14 assistant or to a person in an entry level of a professional education program approved by the  
15 Commission ~~[for]~~ on Accreditation ~~[of]~~ in Physical ~~[Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistant]~~  
16 Therapy Education (CAPTE) who satisfies supervised clinical education requirements related to the  
17 person's physical therapist or physical therapist assistant education. The entry-level person shall be  
18 under ~~[on-site]~~ the supervision of a physical therapist."; and

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20 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
21 accordingly.