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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Title: Physical Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I strongly support the repeal of the referral requirement for PT treatment. As a new graduate physical therapist who was raised and completed her DPT in Texas, I feel the amount of education we complete is undermined by this referral requirement. As a result, I have decided to pursue a residency outside the state of Texas and will move to Ohio, where the state practice act allows physical therapists to perform treatments without a referral. In many cases, a physician's referral simply states something broad such as "shoulder plan, evaluate and treat." Allowing patients to have greater access to physical therapy increases their independence in making decisions regarding their healthcare and decreases costs. Additionally, Texas risks losing many well-qualified and trained physical therapists to other states if the state practice act fails to improve. By improving direct access in the state of Texas, we may be able to improve Texas's supply ratio of physical therapists with the ever growing population.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree