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Agency: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

The Texas Physical Therapy Practice Act states that a "Physical therapist" is a person who is licensed by the board as a physical therapist and practices physical therapy. The term includes a hydrotherapist, physiotherapist, mechano-therapist, functional therapist, physical therapy practitioner, physical therapist specialist, physical therapy specialist, physiotherapy practitioner, kinesiotherapist, physical specialist, and myofunctional therapist.

What does this mean to include Kinesiotherapist in Physical Therapists' definition.

- It prevents kinesiotherapists from getting a license in the State of Texas to practice their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the private sector and to get reimbursement for their service.
- As in the past, the Physical Therapist Texas chapter has served Cease & Desist letters to Kinesiotherapists who attempted to start their practice in the State of Texas based on this "equivalency".

When I search the term physical therapy the definition is as follows:

Physical therapy or physiotherapy is a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialty that remediates impairments and promotes mobility, function, and quality of life through examination, diagnosis, prognosis, and physical intervention. It is carried out by physical therapists. en.wikipedia.org

Kinesiotherapist definition is as follows:

Kinesiotherapy is defined as the application of scientifically based exercise principles adapted to enhance the strength, endurance, and mobility of individuals with functional limitations or those requiring extended physical conditioning. A registered kinesiotherapist can administer treatment only upon receipt of a prescription from qualified physicians, nurse practitioners and/or physician assistants who have been privileged to make such referrals.

About Us:

Kinesiotherapists provide sub-acute or post-acute rehabilitative therapy focusing on therapeutic exercise, reconditioning and physical education.

Kinesiotherapists emphasize the psychological as well as physical benefits of therapeutic exercise for rehabilitation. Following a prescription from a licensed practitioner, kinesiotherapists provide rehabilitative exercise and education to patients.

These therapeutic exercises enhance the strength, mobility and endurance of functionally limited patients, or those requiring long-term reconditioning.

Kinesiotherapists emphasize the psychological as well as physical value of therapeutic exercises. Developed during World War II, kinesiotherapy originally helped wounded or sick soldiers return to their units quickly and at full functionality. Please refer to <http://akta.org/>

Why include kinesiotherapist in their definition?

One could conclude that including the kinesiotherapist in their bylaws is present to INHIBIT/PREVENTION and not as benefit to physical therapy and to subdue a smaller group of professionals.

In the past physical therapist tried the very same thing with Chiropractors, Athletic Trainers, Exercise Physiologist but failed due to the large memberships of these groups.

The Kinesiotherapist group is small in numbers in Texas but like the others have obtained a degree, at the very least a B.S. and would like the freedom to contribute to the healthcare arena in Texas without the restriction of another group of professionals not wanting our existence because they have the power to do so.

All the rehabilitative professions overlap in some form or another with their approaches which does not give the physical therapists the right to equivocate one of them, in this case kinesiotherapists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

As a kinesiotherapists in the state of Texas, I would request that the term kinesiotherapist be removed from the definition of a Physical Therapist as part of the Sunset Review.

I end with this, Kinesiotherapist is not a term equivalent to Physical Therapist. To include the term kinesiotherapist in the Physical Therapy Practice Act is misleading to the public.

Deeply consider this request to remove kinesiotherapist from the physical therapist bylaws so that we, kinesiotherapists can have the freedom to practice our craft in the State of Texas, outside of the government.

Thank you for your existence to oversee such matters and/or concerns and of course, thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Julie Wade
Registered Kinesiotherapist VANTHCS and Army Veteran

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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Kinesiotherapists, formerly Corrective Therapists, have been a vital component of the Department of Veterans Affairs physical medicine and rehabilitation program years, and are listed in the healthcare provider taxonomy (code #226300000X). Kinesiotherapists are the original exercise specialists, and have a long history of serving throughout the physical medicine and rehabilitation service of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Kinesiotherapy is the application of scientifically based exercise principles adapted to enhance the strength, endurance, and mobility of individuals with functional limitations of those requiring extended physical conditioning.

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Kinesiotherapist is not a term equivalent to Physical Therapist. To include the term kinesiotherapist in the Physical Therapy Practice Act is misleading to the public. It also undermines the multi-disciplinary team approach prevalent in VA Rehabilitation Departments across the United States where kinesiotherapists have faithfully served our veteran population for over 70 years.

Removing the term "Kinesiotherapist equivalent to Physical Therapist" will afford this group of professionals the

opportunity to operate independently in the great state of Texas. Including Kinesiotherapists to the vast number of professionals will add another skill set and approach to rehabilitation to the population of Texas. The idiom, "the more the merrier" rings true to the this situation, Texas has growing numbers of people that will increase the demand for rehabilitation; Kinesiotherapists are a group of professionals that have been in existence since World War II, proudly providing exercise rehabilitation to our veterans, although not limited to one group, it is a privilege to serve the Nation's veteran population. We welcome the opportunity to serve outside the realm of Veteran Affairs here in Texas freely. Thank you for your consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree