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

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.

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.

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.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

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Kinesiotherapist is not a term equivalent to Physical Therapist.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree