

SENATE BILL No. 46

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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Proposed Amendments for SB No. 46
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1 AN ACT concerning physical therapists; evaluation and treatment of
2 patients; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-2921 and repealing the
3 existing section.

4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-2921 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows: 65-2921. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), (c)
7 or (d), a physical therapist may evaluate patients without physician referral
8 but may initiate treatment only after approval by a licensed physician, a
9 licensed podiatrist, a licensed physician assistant or a licensed advanced
10 practice registered nurse working pursuant to the order or direction of a
11 licensed physician, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed dentist or licensed
12 optometrist in appropriately related cases. Physical therapists may initiate
13 physical therapy treatment with the approval of a practitioner of the
14 healing arts duly licensed under the laws of another state and may provide
15 such treatment based upon an order by such practitioner in any setting in
16 which physical therapists would be authorized to provide such treatment
17 with the approval of a physician licensed by the board, notwithstanding
18 any provisions of the Kansas healing arts act or any rules and regulations
19 adopted by the board thereunder and initiate physical therapy treatment on
20 a patient without referral from a licensed health care practitioner. If
21 treating a patient without a referral from a licensed health care
22 practitioner and the patient is not progressing toward documented
23 treatment goals as demonstrated by objective, measurable or functional
24 improvement, or any combination thereof, after 10 patient visits or in a
25 period of 15 business days from the initial treatment visits following the
26 initial evaluation visit, the physical therapist shall obtain a referral from
27 an appropriate licensed health care practitioner prior to continuing
28 treatment. The physical therapist shall transmit to the licensed health care
29 practitioner, identified by the patient, a copy of the initial evaluation no
30 later than five business days after the evaluation is performed.
31 (b) Physical therapists may evaluate and treat a patient for no more
32 than 30 consecutive calendar days without a referral under the following
33 conditions: (1) The patient has previously been referred to a physical
34 therapist for physical therapy services by a person authorized by this
35 section to approve treatment; (2) the patient's referral for physical therapy
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, whichever event occurs first,