

House File 174

H-1176

1 Amend House File 174 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 148A.1, Code 2023, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 **148A.1 Definitions — referral — authorization.**

7 1. ~~a.~~ As used in [this chapter](#), ~~“board”~~:

8 a. “Board” means the board of physical and occupational
9 therapy created under [chapter 147](#).

10 ~~b. As used in [this chapter](#), “physical therapy” is that~~
11 “Physical therapy” means the branch of science that deals
12 with the evaluation and treatment of human capabilities and
13 impairments. Physical therapy uses the effective properties
14 of physical agents including, but not limited to, mechanical
15 devices, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound,
16 and therapeutic exercises, and rehabilitative procedures to
17 prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate a physical impairment.

18 (1) Physical therapy includes the interpretation of
19 performances, tests, and measurements, the establishment and
20 modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning,
21 consultative services, instructions to the patients, and the
22 administration and supervision attendant to physical therapy
23 facilities.

24 (2) Physical therapy permits the referral of a patient
25 by a physical therapist for diagnostic imaging, including
26 plain radiographs and magnetic resonance imaging, provided
27 the diagnostic imaging is performed and the results are
28 interpreted by an appropriately licensed and qualified health
29 care professional. The physical therapist who ordered the
30 diagnostic imaging shall report the results of the diagnostic
31 imaging to the patient’s designated primary care provider
32 within seven days following receipt of the results to ensure
33 patient coordination of care, unless the patient does not
34 have a designated primary care provider or the health care
35 professional who performed and interpreted the diagnostic

1 imaging previously provided the results to the primary care
2 provider.

3 2. Physical therapy evaluation and treatment may
4 be rendered by a physical therapist with or without a
5 referral from a physician, podiatric physician, dentist, or
6 chiropractor, except that a hospital may require that physical
7 therapy evaluation and treatment provided in the hospital shall
8 be done only upon prior review by and authorization of a member
9 of the hospital's medical staff.>

10 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting
11 <An Act relating to the referral of a patient for diagnostic
12 imaging by a physical therapist.>

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