

House File 174 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 11)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the referral of a patient by a physical
2 therapist for diagnostic imaging.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 148A.5A Referral for diagnostic
2 imaging.

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
4 physical therapist, as part of the physical therapy patient
5 evaluation and treatment as specified under section 148A.1, may
6 order diagnostic imaging to be performed and interpreted by
7 other appropriately licensed health care professionals.

8 2. Unless a patient does not have a primary care provider,
9 a physical therapist who orders diagnostic imaging shall
10 report the results of the diagnostic imaging to the patient's
11 designated primary care provider within seven days following
12 receipt of the results to ensure patient coordination of care.

13 3. The board of physical and occupational therapy shall
14 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section
15 and to ensure patient coordination of care.

16 4. For the purposes of this section, "*diagnostic imaging*"
17 means medical imaging technologies that are used to view the
18 human body in order to diagnose, monitor, or treat medical
19 conditions. "*Diagnostic imaging*" includes but is not limited to
20 ultrasound imaging, magnetic resonance imaging, x-ray imaging,
21 and computed tomography.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill authorizes a physical therapist, as part of the
26 physical therapy patient evaluation and treatment described
27 in the definition of and authorization for physical therapy,
28 to order diagnostic imaging to be performed and interpreted
29 by other appropriately licensed health care professionals.
30 Unless a patient does not have a primary care provider, a
31 physical therapist who orders diagnostic imaging shall report
32 the diagnostic imaging results to the patient's designated
33 primary care provider within seven days following receipt of
34 the results to ensure patient coordination of care. The bill
35 directs the board of physical and occupational therapy to adopt

1 administrative rules to administer the bill and to ensure
2 patient coordination of care. Under the bill, "diagnostic
3 imaging" means medical imaging technologies that are used to
4 view the human body in order to diagnose, monitor, or treat
5 medical conditions. "Diagnostic imaging" includes but is not
6 limited to ultrasound imaging, magnetic resonance imaging,
7 x-ray imaging, and computed tomography.