

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes circumstances under which licensed physical therapist must refer person to medical doctor, osteopathic physician, chiropractic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopathic physician, dentist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current 60 day requirement
- Importance of direct access
- Team approach

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Physical therapists (PTs) aid the remediation of impairments and disabilities and advance the promotion of mobility and movement potential through examination, diagnosis and physical intervention. Current statute requires a PT to refer a person to another medical professional if 60 days have passed since the initial physical therapy treatment was administered.

House Bill 2684 removes the 60 day requirement, allowing patients direct access to physical therapists.