

House Bill 2684

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH, Senator STEINER HAYWARD; Representatives DOHERTY, GREENLICK, HOYLE, KENNEMER, NATHANSON, THOMPSON (at the request of Oregon Physical Therapy Association) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to physical therapy; amending ORS 688.132.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 688.132 is amended to read:

5 688.132. *[(1) A licensed physical therapist shall immediately refer a person to a medical doctor,*
6 *osteopathic physician, chiropractic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopathic physician,*
7 *dentist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner if:]*

8 *[(a) Signs or symptoms are present that require treatment or diagnosis by such providers or for*
9 *which physical therapy is contraindicated or for which treatment is outside the knowledge of the*
10 *physical therapist or scope of practice of physical therapy; or]*

11 *[(b) The physical therapist continues therapy and 60 days have passed since the initial physical*
12 *therapy treatment has been administered, unless:]*

13 *[(A) The individual is a child or a student eligible for special education, as defined by state or*
14 *federal law, and is being seen pursuant to the child's or the student's individual education plan or*
15 *individual family service plan;]*

16 *[(B) The individual is a student athlete at a public or private school, college or university and is*
17 *seeking treatment in that role as athlete; or]*

18 *[(C) The individual is a resident of a long term care facility as defined in ORS 442.015, a resi-*
19 *dential facility as defined in ORS 443.400, an adult foster home as defined in ORS 443.705 or an*
20 *intermediate care facility for mental retardation pursuant to federal regulations.]*

21 *[(2) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 742.518 to 742.542, personal injury protection benefits*
22 *are not required to be paid for physical therapy treatment of a person covered by the applicable in-*
23 *surance policy unless the person is referred to the physical therapist by a licensed physician, podiatric*
24 *physician and surgeon, naturopathic physician, dentist, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.]*

25 **(1) As used in this section, "provider of care" means a medical doctor, osteopathic phy-**
26 **sician, chiropractic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopathic physician, den-**
27 **tist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.**

28 **(2) A licensed physical therapist shall immediately refer a person being treated by the**
29 **licensed physical therapist to a provider of care if the person exhibits symptoms:**

30 **(a) That require treatment or diagnosis by a provider of medical care;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

