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**Supervision.**

- (A) The supervising physical therapist is accountable and responsible at all times for the direction of the actions of the persons supervised, including the:
- (1) Physical therapist assistant;
  - (2) Student physical therapist;
  - (3) Student physical therapist assistant;
  - (4) Other licensed personnel; and
  - (5) Unlicensed personnel.
- (B) The supervising physical therapist assistant is accountable and responsible at all times for the direction of the actions of the persons supervised, including the:
- (1) Student physical therapist assistant;
  - (2) Other licensed personnel; and
  - (3) Unlicensed personnel.
- (C) Supervision of the physical therapist assistant.
- (1) In accordance with division (C) of section 4755.40 of the Revised Code, a physical therapist assistant may only be supervised by a physical therapist and may not be supervised by any other person, including those persons licensed to practice in any other profession.
  - (2) Supervision for a physical therapist assistant does not require the supervising physical therapist to be on-site or on location. The supervising physical therapist must be available by telecommunication at all times and able to respond appropriately to the needs of the patient.
- (D) Supervision of the student physical therapist.
- (1) A student physical therapist may only be supervised by a physical therapist licensed pursuant to Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code.
  - (2) A student physical therapist shall be at least eighteen years old to be supervised by a physical therapist licensed pursuant to Chapter 4755 of the Revised Code, effective January 1, 2020.

~~(2)~~(3) The supervising physical therapist is required to be on-site and available to immediately respond to the needs of the patient whenever the student physical therapist is performing patient examinations, evaluations, and interventions.

(E) Supervision of the student physical therapist assistant.

(1) A student physical therapist assistant may only be supervised by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed pursuant to Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code.

(2) A student physical therapist assistant shall be at least eighteen years old to be supervised by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed pursuant to Chapter 4755 of the Revised Code, effective January 1, 2020.

~~(2)~~(3) The supervising physical therapist or supervising physical therapist assistant is required to be on-site and available to immediately respond to the needs of the patient whenever the student physical therapist assistant is performing patient interventions.

(F) Supervision of other licensed personnel.

Direct supervision from the supervising physical therapist or supervising physical therapist assistant is required whenever the other licensed personnel is performing patient interventions.

(G) Supervision of unlicensed personnel.

Unlicensed personnel may be supervised by the student physical therapist or student physical therapist assistant who are being supervised in accordance with the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy.

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