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Rule 4755:2-2-08 Referrals.

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(A) Pursuant to division (H) of section 4755.48 of the Revised Code, physical therapists may provide services to a patient upon a referral from a person who is licensed in this state or any other state to practice medicine and surgery, chiropractic, dentistry, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, to practice as a physician assistant, or to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse.

(1) The person making the referral shall be licensed in good standing with the relevant licensing board; and

(2) The person making the referral shall act only within the individual's scope of practice.

(B) Physical therapists may directly receive such referrals, by telephone fax, e-mail, or other electronic means. Physical therapists may accept faxed referrals as an original. The physical therapist may at anytime require an original written referral from the referring practitioner with a signature for inclusion in the patient's official record.

(C) Physical therapist assistants may also directly receive referrals by telephone, fax, e-mail or other electronic means; however, in accordance with rules 4755:2-2-03 and 4755:2-2-04 of the Administrative Code, only the physical therapist shall interpret and perform initial patient evaluations, initial and ongoing treatment plans, periodic re-evaluation of the patient, and adjustment of the treatment plan.

(D) A physical therapist meeting the requirements established in sections 4755.48 and 4755.481 of the Revised Code may evaluate and treat without the prescription of, or the referral of, a patient by a person who is licensed in this or another state to practice medicine and surgery, chiropractic, dentistry, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, to practice as a physician assistant, or to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse.

(E) A physical therapist is not required to notify the patient's other healthcare practitioner in accordance with division (A)(2) of section 4755.481 of the Revised Code if either of the following apply:

(1) The physical therapist is seeing the patient for fitness, wellness, or prevention purposes; or

(2) The patient previously was diagnosed with chronic, neuromuscular, or developmental conditions and the physical therapist is seeing the patient for problems or symptoms associated with one or more of those previously diagnosed conditions.