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TO: Sara Chambers, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
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DATE: February 26, 2024

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board regulations re: Updates to comply with HB 99 (12 AAC 54.030 - .990)

Attorney General File: 2023200395

Regulation Filed: 2/26/2024

Effective Date: 3/27/2024

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cc with enclosures: Colleen Bailey, Department of Law
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February 26, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: *12 AAC 54.030 - .990: Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board -
Updates to comply with HB 99*
Our file: 2023200395

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations update application requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants, and implement changes to AS 08.84 enacted under ch. 66, SLA 2022 (HB 99).

The October 15, 2023 public notice and the December 6, 2023 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD

The attached 21 pages of regulations, dealing with application requirements for foreign-educated physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants, and implementing statutory changes to AS 08.84 under 1 Chapter 66, SLA 2022 (HB99), are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board adopted at its November 16-17, 2023 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.84.010; AS 08.84.100; AS 08.84.065; AS 08.84.075; AS 08.84.030; AS 08.84.150; AS 08.84.060; AS 08.84.032, and AS 08.84.120, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 12/6/2023

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Tina McLean
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Tina McLean, Board Chair
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy
Board

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on _____
February 26, 2024 at 2:31 P.m., I filed the attached regulations
according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

April Simpson
for Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: March 27, 2024

Register: 249, April 2024

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.030(a) is amended to read:

(a) An applicant for a physical therapist or a physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by examination, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside of the United States, shall submit a completed application on a form prescribed by the board with

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(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am 8/7/2021, Register 239; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.040

12 AAC 54.040 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 54.040. Foreign-educated physical therapy applicants. (a) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant applicant for license by examination who received an education and qualifying degree outside of the United States must meet all requirements for licensure under AS 08.84. An applicant under this section must be a graduate from a school of physical therapy with a resident course of study and professional instruction that is

(1) substantially equivalent to a professional physical therapy education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE); and

(2) evaluated by one of the following board-approved credential evaluation services:

(A) International Consultants of Delaware (ICD);

(B) Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT);

(C) International Education Research Foundation (IERF); or

(D) an equivalent nationally recognized company as approved by the board.

(b) To apply for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license by examination under this section, an applicant must submit

(1) a completed application on the form prescribed by the board;

(2) payment of the fees established in 12 AAC 02.320;

(3) a professional reference letter on a form provided by the department; the form must be signed and sent directly to the department from

(A) the head of the applicant's physical therapy school; or

(B) a professional who has knowledge of the applicant's competency, including a current or former instructor, supervising physician or physical therapist, or other supervisory professional;

(4) the jurisprudence questionnaire covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter as prepared by the board;

(5) verification that the applicant

(A) completed the internship requirements under (c) of this section; and

(B) passed the National Physical Therapy Examination; the applicant's passing scores must be sent directly to the department from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

(c) A foreign-educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant applicant shall complete an internship under the on-site supervision of a currently licensed physical therapist in

an institution that meets the requirements of (d) of this section and AS 08.84.032(a)(2). The board will not consider internship hours claimed before the date the board pre-approves the internship. A foreign-educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant applicant shall complete an internship based on

(1) a minimum of six months of full-time work, averaging not less than 35 hours per week; or

(2) part-time work averaging less than 35 hours per week, but equivalent to the total minimum number of hours required under (1) of this subsection.

(d) An institution used for an internship must have at least two full-time physical therapists on the staff licensed under this chapter and be in a clinic setting providing a varied case load to be approved by the board. A government service hospital may be used if the hospital meets the requirements of this subsection.

(e) A licensed physical therapist who serves as a preceptor to a foreign-educated intern applicant shall assume responsibility for the intern's experience and the safety and welfare of the patient.

(f) A licensed physical therapist who serves as a preceptor under this section shall directly submit a national performance evaluation tool that is recognized by the board to the department. On the tool, the preceptor shall attest to the applicant's

(1) satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion of the internship; and

(2) level of skill in completion of evaluation, program planning, therapeutic practice, potential ability to practice safely while unsupervised with sound professional judgment, and ethics related to the practice of physical therapy.

(g) If a licensed physical therapist who serves as a preceptor will not recommend to the

board that the applicant is qualified to work unsupervised at the end of an internship under (c) of this section, the board may require the applicant to arrange for another internship equivalent to six months or less. The board must approve any change in a preceptor before the change takes effect. If the applicant is not recommended by a preceptor as qualified to work independently at the end of a second internship, the board may deny licensure.

(h) If a licensed physical therapist who serves as a preceptor determines that an applicant is unqualified to continue the internship, nothing in this section obligates the preceptor or the preceptor's facility to either complete a six-month internship or provide a second internship for that applicant. A preceptor who terminates the internship of an applicant before the scheduled completion date must notify the board in writing and state the reason for the termination. Either an intern or a preceptor may request an advisory review of the internship by the board.

(i) After an applicant has satisfactorily completed an internship and has been scheduled for the National Physical Therapy Examination, the applicant may apply for a temporary permit under AS 08.84.065 and 12 AAC 54.050.

(j) To receive credit for an internship, an applicant must take and pass the National Physical Therapy Examination either before completing the internship or not later than one year after completing the internship.

(k) Verification of achieving a passing score, as set out in 12 AAC 54.080, on the national examination, meets the English language proficiency requirements of AS 08.84.032(a)(3).

(l) In this section, "preceptor" means a currently licensed physical therapist under this chapter who provides on-site supervision for an individual who is completing an internship under this section. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am

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5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am 8/7/2021, Register 239; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.065

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by examination, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States, if the following are on file with the department:

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The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(b) is amended to read:

(b) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant [APPLYING] for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by credentials, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States, if the following are on file with the department:

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The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(c) is amended to read:

(c) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by examination who is a graduate

of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States and demonstrates **compliance with AS 08.84.032(a)(1) and 08.84.065(a)** to the satisfaction of the board [COMPLIANCE WITH AS 08.84.032(a)(1) AND AS 08.84.065(a)]. A temporary permit issued under this subsection expires on the date the scores are posted to the board. The following items documenting compliance with 12 AAC 54.040 must be on file with the department before the temporary permit is issued:

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12 AAC 54.050(c)(8) is repealed:

(8) repealed 3 / 27 / 2024.

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.050(d) is amended to read:

(d) The board or department will issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by credentials who is a graduate of a school of physical therapy that is located outside the United States if the following are on file with the department:

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12 AAC 54.050(e) is amended to read:

(e) **The board will review an** [AN] applicant [APPLYING] for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant temporary permit [WILL BE REVIEWED] in accordance with 12 AAC 54.915.

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12 AAC 54.050(f) is amended to read:

(f) An applicant [APPLYING] for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license who is waiting to take the next scheduled examination and who has been issued a temporary permit under AS 08.84.065 may practice only under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and may not act as a supervisor until a permanent license is issued.

12 AAC 54.050(h) is amended to read:

(h) The holder of a temporary **physical therapist assistant** permit [AS A PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT,] issued according to the provisions of AS 08.84.065(b) [,] who is awaiting licensure by acceptance of credentials [,] shall practice in accordance with 12 AAC 54.510. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 6/1/95, Register 134; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065

12 AAC 54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 54.070. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(a)(1), "supervised field work" means the clinical education experience portion of a CAPTE-accredited educational program to be completed under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. (Eff.

3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030

The introductory language to 12 AAC 54.100 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.100. Application for licensure by credentials. An application for licensure by credentials as a physical therapist or a physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant must be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the board with

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(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 10/8/88, Register 107; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/3/2002, Register 163; 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.040 AS 08.84.060
AS 08.84.030

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.110 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.110. Foreign-educated [FOREIGN-TRAINED] **applicants.** An applicant for a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license by credentials who received an education and degree outside the United States shall meet all requirements for licensure under AS 08.84, 12 AAC 54.030(a)(1) and (4), and this section, and shall submit **an application** to the department on a form provided by the department. **The application must include**

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12 AAC 54.110(1) is amended to read:

(1) [EVALUATED] transcripts **evaluated** in accordance with **12 AAC**

54.040(a)(2) [12 AAC 54.040(b)];

12 AAC 54.110(4) is amended to read:

(4) satisfactory evidence **sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from a supervising therapist** of

(A) a minimum six **months of** [MONTHS'] supervised work experience while licensed as a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant in another state, another territory, or the District of Columbia;], or

(B) satisfactory completion of an internship **that meets** [MEETING] the requirements of 12 AAC 54.040(c), (e), and (f); [THE EVIDENCE MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE SUPERVISING THERAPIST ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT;]

12 AAC 54.110(6) is repealed and readopted to read:

(6) verification of achieving a passing score, as set out in 12 AAC 54.080, on the national examination, shall meet the English language proficiency requirements of AS 08.84.032(a)(3);

12 AAC 54.110(7)(B) is amended to read:

(B) an instructor, physician, or physical therapist other than the physical therapist preceptor described in **12 AAC 54.040(e) and (f)** [12 AAC 54.040(e) - (f)]; and (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 3 / 27 / 2024,

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Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.060

12 AAC 54.120 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.120. Military-trained therapy assistant. A military-trained physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant may apply to the board for license by credentials only and must submit verification of a current and valid certificate, license, or other evidence of qualification issued under the laws of another state. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 3 / 27 / 2024,

Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 [AS 08.84.010(b)] AS 08.84.060

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.400 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.400. Physical therapy license renewal requirements. An applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license shall

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(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am

3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.405(a) is amended to read:

(a) An applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license shall document completion of the jurisprudence questionnaire prepared by the board, covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter, and shall also document

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12 AAC 54.405(a)(2)(B) is amended to read:

(B) in addition to the contact hours of continuing education required under 12 AAC 54.410 and 12 AAC 54.420, [.] 40 contact hours of continuing education consistent with the requirements of 12 AAC 54.410 and 12 AAC 54.420;

12 AAC 54.405(c) is amended to read:

(c) In this section, "physical therapy services" includes work and volunteer service under a position title other than physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant if the applicant documents that the position required the use of physical therapy skills recognized by the board. (Eff. 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.410(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in 12 AAC 54.435, an applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license who has been licensed for 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period shall have completed **24 contact hours of continuing education** during that period [24 CONTACT HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION]. An applicant for renewal of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license who has been licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period shall have

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(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 8/19/2004,

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Register 171; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 3 / 27 / 2024,
Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.420(c) is amended to read:

(c) To be accepted by the board, a continuing education course or activity must contribute directly to the professional competency of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant and must be directly related to the skills and knowledge required to implement the principles and methods of physical therapy **within the meaning given** [, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED] in AS 08.84.190. (Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.435(a) is amended to read:

(a) A physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant who meets the requirements of this section is exempt from the continuing education requirements of 12 AAC 54.400 - 12 AAC 54.430 as specified in this section. **An exemption under this section applies to the** [FOR] renewal of the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant license for the biennial licensing period immediately following a period of service by the physical therapist or physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant, during which the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant was engaged in active duty military service in the armed forces of the United States.

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12 AAC 54.435(b) is amended to read:

(b) To obtain an exemption under this section, a [THE] physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant must submit official documentation satisfactory to the board of active duty military service.

(Eff. 10/25/2008, Register 188; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.01.100 AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.500(d) is amended to read:

(d) To maintain a high standard of integrity in the profession and to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistants shall adhere to the ethical standards set out in the *State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board **Principles of Practice***, dated March 2015. The *State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board **Principles of Practice*** is adopted by reference.

12 AAC 54.500(e) is amended to read:

(e) A physical therapist may not supervise [, IN ANY COMBINATION,] more than three aides, assistants, students, **foreign-educated** [FOREIGN-TRAINED] candidates, or permittees **in any combination** at the same time. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 1/17/2016, Register 217; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.150

12 AAC 54.510 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.510. Supervision of physical therapist [THERAPY] assistants. (a) A physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant shall work under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

(b) A licensed physical therapist is responsible for and shall participate in a [THE] patient's care.

(c) Except as specified in 12 AAC 54.500(e), a physical therapist may supervise a maximum of three physical therapist [THERAPY] assistants.

(d) A licensed physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant shall have [IN POSSESSION] written treatment plans formulated by the licensed physical therapist in possession for each patient under the care of the physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant. Treatment plans must be revised following periodic evaluations by the licensed physical therapist.

(e) At least once a month, a [THE] supervising physical therapist shall provide periodic supervision to a [GIVE THE] physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant [PERIODIC SUPERVISION] while the physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant being supervised implements a treatment plan with a patient. Supervision [AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH, THE SUPERVISION] shall be conducted on site or by video or teleconference when in-person supervision is not reasonably practicable. The supervising physical therapist shall be available for consultation with the physical therapist [THERAPY] assistant [. THE CONSULTATION MAY BE PROVIDED] by telephone, verbally, or in writing.

(f) Nothing in this chapter restricts public health service or military personnel engaged in the practice of physical therapy in programs administered by federal agencies.

(g) If a [THE] licensed physical therapist agrees to supervise a physical therapist

[THERAPY] assistant, the supervising physical therapist shall

(1) determine the frequency and manner of consultations with the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant, taking into consideration the treatment settings being used, patient rehabilitation status, and the competency of the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant;

(2) fully document the supervision provided, including a record of all consultations provided, and maintain those records at the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant's place of employment; and

(3) countersign the patient treatment record each time the supervising physical therapist is physically present and directly supervises or supervises by video or teleconference the treatment of a patient by the physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant being supervised.

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 6/1/95, Register 134; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 8/7/2021, [.] Register 239; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

12 AAC 54.520(b) is amended to read:

(b) A licensed physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant may use non-licensed personnel in the delivery of patient-related duties and non-patient related duties. Patient-related duties performed by non-licensed personnel are not considered the practice of physical therapy.

12 AAC 54.520(c) is amended to read:

(c) A licensed physical therapist shall assure the training of non-licensed personnel under

the supervision of the physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant and shall document that training.

12 AAC 54.520(d) is amended to read:

(d) A [THE] supervising physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant shall provide continual on-site supervision of non-licensed personnel who are performing patient-related duties. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 4/16/2004, Register 170; am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.590(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) "continual on-site supervision" means the supervising physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant

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12 AAC 54.590(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) "internship" means postgraduate on-the-job training of a physical **therapist** [THERAPISTS] or physical **therapist assistant** [THERAPY ASSISTANTS,] approved by the board;

12 AAC 54.590(a)(3)(A) is amended to read:

(A) means personnel who are

(i) used by a licensed physical therapist or physical **therapist**

[THERAPY] assistant to deliver patient-related duties and non-patient related duties related to the practice of physical therapy; and

(ii) trained under the direction of a licensed physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant to perform designated non-patient related duties and patient-related duties related to the practice of physical therapy;

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.590(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) "patient-related duties" means routine tasks that do not require the education, skill, and training of a physical therapist or physical **therapist** [THERAPY] assistant, and for which the

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(Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 4/16/2004, Register 170; am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

The introductory language of 12 AAC 54.610(a) is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.610. Foreign-educated [FOREIGN-TRAINED] occupational therapy applicants. (a) A foreign-educated occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant applicant must have graduated from a resident course of study and professional instruction substantially equivalent to a professional occupational therapy education program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). A foreign-educated occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant applicant shall submit [AN APPLICANT FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST LICENSE OR

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT LICENSE WHO GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL SUBMIT]

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12 AAC 54.610(a)(7) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(7) the jurisprudence questionnaire prepared by the board covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter.

12 AAC 54.610(b) is amended to read:

(b) An applicant who has been certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) meets the requirements of AS 08.84.032(b)(1) - (5) [AS 08.84.032(b)(1) - (b)(5)].

12 AAC 54.610(c) is amended to read:

(c) An applicant who has passed the NBCOT examination meets the requirements of AS 08.84.032(b)(3) and (5) [AS 08.84.032(b)(3) AND (b)(5)]. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 1/17/2016, Register 217; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.120

AS 08.84.030

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((Publisher: Please move the "and" connector from the end of 12 AAC 54.610(a)(5) to the end of 12 AAC 54.610(a)(6).))

12 AAC 54.620 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work. As used in **AS 08.84.030(b)(1), 08.84.032(b)(2), and 08.84.150(b)(1)** [AS 08.84.030(b)(1)], "supervised field work" means the **portion** [PART] of **an ACOTE-accredited professional occupational therapy education program to be** [EXPERIENCE THAT IS PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM] completed by **an** [THE] applicant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. [SUPERVISED FIELD WORK MUST INCLUDE

(1) FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, AT LEAST TWO THREE-MONTH INTERNSHIPS AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS IN DATA COLLECTION, TREATMENT PLANNING, AND TREATMENT IMPLEMENTATION;
AND

(2) FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, AT LEAST ONE TWO-MONTH INTERNSHIP.] (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 9/29/2019, Register 231;

am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.060

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12 AAC 54.800 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.800. Occupational therapy standards. (a) In order to maintain a high standard of integrity in the profession and to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants shall adhere to the *State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Principles of Practice*, dated March 2015. The *State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Principles of Practice* is adopted by reference.

(b) An occupational therapist may not supervise more than three aides, assistants, students, foreign-educated candidates, or permittees at the same time, in any combination [, MORE THAN THREE AIDES, ASSISTANTS, STUDENTS, FOREIGN-TRAINED CANDIDATES, OR PERMITTEES AT THE SAME TIME]. (Eff. 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 4/11/2008, Register 186; am 1/17/2016, Register 217 am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065 AS 08.84.150
AS 08.84.030

12 AAC 54.915 is repealed:

12 AAC 54.915. Review of applications for temporary permit or limited permit.
Repealed. (Eff. 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 8/18/2013, Register

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207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231; repealed 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

12 AAC 54.990 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(8) "CAPTE" means the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education;

(9) "ACOTE" means the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; 9/26/91, Register 119; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 3 / 27 / 2024, Register 249)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.040 AS 08.84.160
AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.060 AS 08.84.190
AS 08.84.032