



AK PT Scope Modernization Work Group - May 6, 2025

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM AKDT to 11:00 AM AKDT
Zoom

Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83426206738?pwd=GO4V0A0eiuTJcCijBtz6jonLqMQVqV.1>

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Agenda

1. Call to Order

9:00 AM

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A. Roll Call

Work Group members:

- Jonathan Gates - PHY Board Member
- Leslie Adrian, FSBPT
- Rebecca Byerley - APTA-AK
- Sarah Kowalczyk
- Mark Venhaus
- Tina McLean
- LeeAnn Carrothers
- Mark Cunningham
- Cortland Reger

2. Purpose and Summary of Workgroup - Review

9:05 AM

Presenter: Jonathan Gates

A. PT Workgroup Objectives

1. Develop a collaborative plan to address modernization of our scope of practice between all stakeholders (including the state licensing board, APTA-AK, national organizations, and licensees) to create statutory change.
2. Identify needs for change/improvement in the current scope of practice language - AS 08.84.190(7)
3. Develop draft language to address any needs that the workgroup identifies.
4. Address the role of PTAs in scope of practice language
5. Develop an updated draft of scope of practice language with future action steps for recommendation to the PHY Board.

3. Discussion - Homework assignment from 04/22 meeting

9:10 AM

Crosswalk FSBPT Model Practice Act 2022 - 7th Edition – Article 1 Legislative Intent (page 24) and all definitions against current AK PT Scope of Practice - AS 08.84.190(6)+(7); identifying

applicable/appropriate areas of MPA to utilize in AK scope modernization using provided template. Template will consist of 3 columns – FSBPT Model Practice Act will already be entered; members to add comparable sections of AK Practice Scope as appropriate in second column; and 3rd column for use identifying proposed action to be taken = keep AK language; adopt MPA; revise language; or adopt new.

See PHY Statutes and Regulations March 2025 edition --

><https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/PT-OTStatutes.pdf>

1. Statute 08.84.190(5) – (7) – page 16
2. Statute 08.84.188 Article 4 Section 2 (Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact) – page 8
3. Regulation 12 AAC 54.590 – page 26
4. Regulation 12 AAC 54.990 – page 34-35

GOALS:

1. List of concerns for consideration as we move forward
 1. Avoid a long list of permitted interventions. Ensure broad language that can be defined more in regulation.
 2. Supervision of PTAs, and types of supervision.
 3. Term Protection
 4. Direct Access (PTs as primary care for conditions in our SOP)
 5. Rural Access
 6. Avoiding PTs practicing outside of SOP, to avoid negative perception
 7. No changes to be made to Article 4 (PT Compact)
2. Review crosswalk item by item (picking up where we left off last meeting)
3. Finalize proposed changes and language for submission to the PT/OT Board

4. Discussion - Definition of "Practice of Physical Therapy"

10:20 AM

- Put consideration into #17 “practice of physical therapy” definition on page 9 of the Model Practice Act – (b) and whether to include or exclude language after “that may include, but not limited to:” (list) so that a determination can be made at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting Dates/Times

10:50 AM

- Goal is to finalize in this meeting. If we are unable to come to consensus, additional meeting(s) may be needed.

Objective: Have a rough draft prepared to review/discuss, with the objective to finalize proposed language to be sent to the PT/OT Board for review.

6. Next Steps

10:55 AM

7. Adjourn

11:00 AM