



## **AK PT Scope Modernization Work Group - June 5, 2025**

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM AKDT to Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM AKDT  
Zoom

**Meeting Details:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/vfFwxBidRUCvMvs3eGX3IA>

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Call to Order**

**11:00 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
- Mark Cunningham
- Cortland Reger

#### **2. Purpose and Summary of Workgroup - Review**

**11:05 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 - Draft Language**

**11:10 AM**

Review and edit rough draft of AK practice act w/ edits established in 05/23/2025 meeting.

Edits were pulled from completed crosswalk, and can be referenced in the comment section of the draft.

Primary discussion to cover the following:

1. Revisit 08.84.190 (11) (b) and (f)
  1. Look at other definitions of primary care that exist in Alaska statutes
2. Confirm 08.84.190 (11) (d) and (14) as they relate to ordering of diagnostic imaging (Jeff and Molly)

Resources for discussion:

1. AS 21.07.250 (11) "primary care provider" means a health care provider who provides general medical care services and does not specialize in treating a single injury, illness, or condition or who provides obstetrical, gynecological, or pediatric medical care services;
2. AS 08.64.380 (6) = Practice of medicine or practice of osteopathy = (6) "practice of medicine" or "practice of osteopathy" means:
  - (A) for a fee, donation or other consideration, to diagnose, treat, operate on, prescribe for, or administer to, any human ailment, blemish, deformity, disease, disfigurement, disorder, injury, or other mental or physical condition; or to attempt to perform or represent that a person is authorized to perform any of the acts set out in this subparagraph;
  - (B) to use or publicly display a title in connection with a person's name including "doctor of medicine," "physician," "M.D.," or "doctor of osteopathic medicine" or "D.O." or a specialist designation including "surgeon," "dermatologist," or a similar title in such a manner as to show that the person is willing or qualified to diagnose or treat the sick or injured;

#### **4. Next Meeting Dates/Times**

**12:45 PM**

- Thursday, June 17 - 11am - 1pm

#### **5. Next Steps**

**12:55 PM**

Objectives:

- Finalize proposed language to be sent to the PT/OT Board for review.
- Determine need for 06/17/2025 meeting based on progress made today

#### **6. Adjourn**

**1:00 PM**