



## **AK PT Scope Modernization Work Group - June 17, 2025**

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM AKDT to 1:00 PM AKDT  
Zoom

**Meeting Details:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/G8cgrD3ETYicpkjxD25UA>

### **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. Public Comment**

**11:05 AM**

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

**11:15 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.

#### **4. Brief Review - Homework assignment from 06/05 meeting**

**11:20 AM**

- Review and discuss modification to definition (8) physical therapist – (page 40 of draft).  
Direct access language
- Continue discussion on inclusion or exclusion of list of interventions in definition 11(b)  
practice of physical therapy
  - Gather data on other states that have adopted MPA definition of practice of  
physical therapy – task assigned to J.Gates, R.Byerley, + S.Ryan
- Review and discuss primary care definition 11(f) modification – inclusion of “as first  
point of contact”
- Confirm draft language of 11(d) and 14 is appropriate for needs of imaging with APTA-  
AK Imaging Work Study Group.

## **5. Discussion - Draft Language**

**11:30 AM**

Review and edit rough draft of AK practice act w/ edits established in 05/06/2025 meeting.  
Edits were pulled from completed crosswalk, and can be referenced in the comment section of  
the draft.

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

**12:45 PM**

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## **7. Next Steps**

**12:55 PM**

Objective: Finalize proposed language to be sent to the PT/OT Board for review.

## **8. Adjourn**

**1:00 PM**