

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 454
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE FREQUENCY OF PATIENT VISITS REQUIRED
5 BY A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHEN SUPERVISING A PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT; ~~AND~~
6 AMENDING SECTION 37-11-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 37-11-105, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"37-11-105. Supervision of physical therapist assistant, physical therapy aide, physical therapy**
12 **student, or physical therapist assistant student.** (1) A physical therapist assistant shall practice under the
13 supervision of a licensed physical therapist who is responsible for and participates in a patient's care. This
14 supervision requires the licensed physical therapist to make an onsite visit or a visit by means of telehealth to
15 the client at least once for every six ~~eight~~ visits made by the assistant or once every 2-weeks 30 days,
16 whichever occurs first.

17 (2) A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than two full-time assistants
18 or the equivalent. This supervision does not require the presence of the assistant.

19 (3) A physical therapy aide shall practice under the onsite supervision of a licensed physical
20 therapist or a licensed assistant. A licensed assistant may not concurrently supervise more than one full-time
21 aide or the equivalent. A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than four aides or the
22 equivalent or two assistants and two aides or the equivalent.

23 (4) A physical therapy student or physical therapist assistant student shall practice with the onsite
24 supervision of a licensed physical therapist."

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26 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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