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<u>DOCUMENTATION AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST SERVICES</u> HOD P06-18-32-23 [Amended: HOD P05-07-09-03; HOD P06-00-20-05; Initial: HOD 06-97-15-23] [Position]

The physical therapist has oversight of all documentation regardless of the setting in which physical therapist services are provided and shall comply with jurisdictional documentation requirements. Services provided by the physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist are documented, dated, and authenticated by the physical therapist or, when permissible by law, the physical therapist assistant.

Other notations or flow charts are considered a component of the documented record but do not meet the requirements of documentation.

Students in physical therapist or physical therapist assistant programs may document when the record is additionally authenticated by the physical therapist. When permissible by law, documentation by physical therapist assistant students may be authenticated by a physical therapist assistant.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

<u>HOD P00-00-00</u> stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure