

## **ENHANCED PROFICIENCY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT HOD P06-18-41-25**

Career development is essential for the physical therapist assistant and includes clinical experience, continuing education, increased skill proficiency, clinical mentoring, and the recognition thereof.

Physical therapist assistants may participate in continuing education that may include subject matter that is at, above, or different from entry-level knowledge and skills as described in the *Standards and Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Assistant Education Programs*. Physical therapist assistants may be appropriately utilized in components of intervention and in collection of selected examination and outcomes data only as consistent with jurisdictional law; only as consistent with American Physical Therapy Association positions, standards, guidelines, policies, and procedures; and under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist.

### **Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

HOD P00-00-00-00 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