

GUIDELINES: PRO BONO PHYSICAL THERAPIST SERVICES AND ORGANIZATION SUPPORT HOD G06-18-36-40 [Initial: HOD G06-93-21-39; Formerly Titled: Guidelines: Pro Bono Physical Therapy Services] [Guideline]

Physical therapist members of the American Physical Therapy Association shall render pro bono services or support organizations that meet the health needs of people who are economically disadvantaged, uninsured, and underinsured, to meet the physical therapy needs of society and to comply with the ethical obligation specified in the *Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist*, Principle 8.A. A physical therapist may meet this responsibility by:

- Providing professional service at no fee or at a reduced fee to persons of limited financial means when allowable by law
- Donating professional expertise and service to charitable groups or organizations
- Engaging in activities to improve access to physical therapist services
- Offering financial support for organizations that deliver physical therapist or other health services to persons of limited financial means

Physical therapist assistants, while not obligated to provide pro bono services, have an ethical obligation to support organizations that meet the health needs of persons who are economically disadvantaged, uninsured, and underinsured as specified in *the Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant*, Principle 8.A.

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