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Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Swisher, Anne
Subject: RE: [External] Comments on Proposed Board of PT rule changes

Anne,

After reviewing your comment regarding Section 13.5.2, the Board has now changed the wording as follows:

13.5.2. may only be performed once an in-person examination has been performed and/or after a patient provider relationship has been established. The patient/provider relationship may be established via an in-person exam, personally knowing the patient and his/her health status, or through an on call or cross coverage arrangement with the patient's regular treating physical therapist.

After review of your comment regarding the decrease of fees in W. Va. Code R. §16-4, the Board stands by the current fees as presented for public comment and will continue with the decrease in fees.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the proposed rules.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Ramsey and WVBoPT,

I have reviewed the proposed changes to the rules and have the following comments:

On 16.01 regarding telehealth practice:

13.5.2--*'may only be done once an in-person evaluation has been performed'*

does that mean establishing a plan of care, or could a brief screen be performed in person then the full plan developed via telehealth?

The term 'evaluation' refers to the judgement part of the PT assessment (e.g. the 'A' of a SOAP note) I think it should be 'assessment'???

What constitutes a '*relationship*' with the patient? Does it need any descriptors?

I think Telehealth is going to be the HUGE driver in PT from now on (equivalent to direct access laws). It is important to get the wording right now.

On 16.04

As for the CEU review fees, I'm curious about why the need to decrease fees? As more education is provided through APTA, its components and PT/PTA schools, it seems the 'outside' providers will be fewer. It also seems like the WVBoPT can still benefit from the current fee income, especially if there are fewer providers.

Thank you for your consideration,

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