

1 **BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA**
2 **BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

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4 In the Matter of:

5 DR. ANDY HUTCHISON, DPT, GSC,
6 WCC

7 Petitioner.

8 **ADVISORY OPINION 22-01**

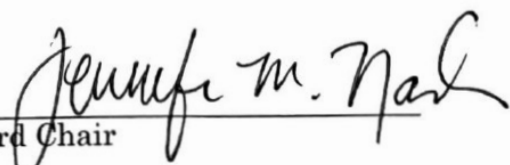
9 This matter was heard at the State of Nevada Board of Physical Therapy ("Board")
10 regular public meeting via Zoom videoconference on May 6, 2022. Pursuant to the Board's
11 authority under NAC 640.310, the Board considered a petition from Dr. Andy Hutchison,
12 DPT, GSC, WCC on the issue of whether or not suture and staple removal (ordered by a
13 physician or physician extender) is within the scope of practice of a physical therapist in
14 the State of Nevada. Dr. Hutchison appeared at the hearing and provided background for
15 discussion.

16 **DECISION**

17 Based upon the information provided by Dr. Hutchison and ensuing discussion
18 among the Board members, whereby they agreed that the facility is responsible for having
19 a policy and procedure regarding suture and staple removal, the following motion was made
20 and passed unanimously:

- 21 1. Physical therapists and physical therapy assistants must have suture and
22 staple removal available in the policy and procedures of their employers; and
23 2. Training must be provided and competencies demonstrated for the employees
24 and recorded.

25 DATED this 20th day of July 2022

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Board Chair