

**COMMENTARY ADDRESSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO CURRENT PROPOSED REGULATIONS  
OF THE NEVADA PT BOARD**

*The plain language below represents the current proposed additional definition to NAC 640 and replacement language to NAC 640.595. The marked language is proposed changes to the current Board proposed language.*

Additional Proposed Definition to NAC 640

Sec. 8 “Skilled intervention” or “treatment intervention” means:

1. To advise, teach or instruct a patient concerning the condition or disability of the patient other than as directed by the physical therapist.
2. To carry out testing or evaluation procedures.
3. To make any notations in documents regarding patient care or clinical treatment with the exception of recording basic data in an exercise log or flow sheet other than as directed by the physical therapist.
4. An activity which requires licensure pursuant to this chapter and chapter 640 of NRS.
5. An activity which requires the exercise of the professional judgment of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
6. The interpretation of referrals, screenings, assessments, evaluations or reassessments.
7. The development or modification of therapeutic exercise programs, treatment plans or discharge plans.

Proposed Restatement of NAC 640.595

Sec. 67. NAC 640.595 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. A physical therapist technician shall work under the immediate supervision of a physical therapist at all times.
2. A physical therapist who supervises a physical therapist technician is responsible for:
  - (a) The conduct, training and actions of the physical therapist technician.
  - (b) Documenting the competence of all activities performed by the physical therapist technician.

3. A physical therapist may delegate to a physical therapist technician:

(a) Routine tasks related to:

- (1) The cleanliness and maintenance of equipment and the physical plant.
- (2) The management of the business aspects of the practice, including scheduling appointments and filling out insurance forms.

(b) Such other assignments with respect to patient care as may be specifically made by the physical therapist, including:

- (1) Positioning the patient.
- (2) Assisting with the undressing and dressing of the patient.
- (3) Transporting patients, records, equipment and supplies in accordance with established policies and procedures.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, assisting the physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant, under the immediate supervision of the physical therapist, in performing a specific service of physical therapy.

4. A physical therapist technician shall not provide any skilled intervention. A physical therapist shall not authorize or allow a physical therapist technician to engage in any skilled intervention.

5. A physical therapist may determine, based upon a patient's acuity and treatment plan, whether it is appropriate to use a physical therapy technician to assist in the performance of a selected treatment intervention or physical therapy task for the patient, and if so determined, document each intervention or task that may be performed by a physical therapist technician, including data recording in an exercise log or flow sheet.

6. On each date of service, a physical therapist shall perform and document each therapeutic intervention that requires the expertise of a physical therapist, and determine, based upon a patient's acuity and treatment plan, whether it is appropriate to use assistive personnel to assist in the performance of a selected treatment intervention or physical therapy task for the patient.

7. A physical therapist technician should have received on the job training in those tasks specifically related to the service, and direction should specify patient related tasks, including dosage, magnitude, repetitions, settings, length of time, and any other parameters necessary for the performance of the patient-related tasks.

8. When patient related tasks are provided to a patient by a physical therapy technician, the physical therapist shall during the treatment day provide direct service to the patient as treatment for the patient's condition or to further evaluate and monitor the patient's progress.

5 9. A physical therapist technician must be properly identified by a name tag which includes the name and job title of the physical therapist technician.

6 10. The Board will consider any technician, aide or other person not licensed pursuant to chapter 640 of NRS and who performs services related to physical therapy which have been directed by a physical therapist to be a physical therapist technician. Any such person must be represented as a physical therapist technician, whether known as, without limitation, a technician, rehabilitation aide or rehabilitation technician.