

HB 563 -- Physical Therapy Services

Sponsor: McClanahan

This bill changes the laws regarding physical therapy services. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows registered professional nurses who have a collaborative practice agreement with a physician to prescribe therapies if the delivery of the services is within their scope of practice;
- (2) Requires all collaborative practice agreements to contain the collaborating physician's random reviews of at least 20% of the charts for which controlled substances are prescribed;
- (3) Includes an advanced practice registered nurse in the description of an approved health care provider; and
- (4) Adds advanced practice registered nurses to the list of medical providers who cannot receive a referral fee from physical therapists or physical therapy assistants.