

HCS HB 410 -- PHYSICAL THERAPIST SCOPE OF PRACTICE (Gregory)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Professional  
Registration and Licensing

This bill changes the laws regarding physical therapists so that physical therapists no longer need a prescription or referral from a doctor in order to treat a patient. Instead, a physical therapist is required to refer to an approved health care provider any patient whose condition is beyond the physical therapist's scope of practice, or any patient who does not demonstrate measurable or functional improvement after 10 visits or 21 business days, whichever occurs first. The physical therapist must also consult with an approved health care provider if after 10 visits or 21 business days, whichever occurs first, the patient has demonstrated measurable or functional improvement from the physical therapy and the physical therapist believes that continuation of physical therapy is necessary. The physical therapist cannot continue to provide physical therapy until the consultation has occurred. Continued physical therapy must be in accordance with any direction of the health care provider. The physical therapist must notify the health care provider of continuing physical therapy every 30 days.

This bill is similar to HB 2090 (2018).