

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

The substantive policy statement clarifies what patient care activities in which a graduate of a physical therapist education program may engage prior to being granted licensure by the Board of Physical Therapy. The number by which this substantive policy statement is known is SPS 2005-01.

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

The substantive policy statement was approved by the Board and became effective on April 22, 2005.

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

A graduate of a physical therapist education program who is not yet licensed as a physical therapist may work as assistive personnel under the onsite supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The graduate may only perform delegated tasks for which the graduate possesses the necessary knowledge and skill. The graduate must also maintain appropriate use of titles and follow the patient documentation requirements established in the law. The graduate may not perform certain patient care activities that only a physical therapist is permitted to do by law.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

SPS 2005-01 is a new substantive policy statement.

5. The name and address of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

A request may be submitted to the office of the Board of Physical Therapy as listed in item #5. There is no cost for duplication of the one-page substantive policy statement. There is a \$5 fee for the entire book of the statutes and rules for the Board of Physical Therapy.