

TELEHEALTH HOD P06-19-15-09 [Initial: HOD P06-14-07-07] [Position]

Telehealth is a well-defined and established method of health services delivery. Physical therapists provide services using telehealth as part of their scope of practice, incorporating elements of patient and client management as needed, to enhance patient and client interactions. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) supports:

- Inclusion of physical therapist services in telehealth policy and regulation on the national and state levels to help society address the growing cost of health services, the disparity in accessibility of health services, and the potential impact of health workforce shortages;
- Advancement of physical therapy telehealth practice, education, and research to enhance the quality and accessibility of physical therapist services; and
- Expansion of broadband access to provide all members of society the opportunity to receive services delivered via electronic means.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

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