

No. 1982-70

## AN ACT

HB 1969

Amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for physical therapy services.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The definitions of "health service doctor" and "professional health services" in subsection (a) and subsection (b) of section 6302 and subsection (f) of section 6322 of Title 40, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, are amended and a definition is added to section 6302 to read:

§ 6302. Definitions.

(a) General rule.—The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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"Health service doctor." A doctor of dental surgery, doctor of medicine, doctor of optometry, doctor of osteopathy, doctor of podiatry [or], doctor of chiropractic *or licensed physical therapist*.

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"Physical therapy services." *The general and usual services rendered and care administered by licensed physical therapists, as defined as "physical therapy" in the act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383, No.110), known as the "Physical Therapy Practice Act."*

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"Professional health services." Dental services, medical services, optometric services, osteopathic services, podiatry services, chiropractic services, *physical therapy services* or any one or more of them.

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(b) Rule of construction.—The definitions specified in subsection (a) of this section are for the purposes of this chapter only, and not for the purpose of defining dental practice, medical practice, optometric practice, osteopathic practice, podiatry practice [or], chiropractic practice *or physical therapy practice* as such.

§ 6322. Scope of service.

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(f) Legislative amendment of stated purposes of existing corporations.—The stated purposes of all existing general medical service corporations are hereby amended so as to include the furnishing of osteopathic, dental, optometric, podiatry [and], chiropractic *and physical therapy* services through doctors of osteopathy, dentistry, optometry,

podiatry and chiropractic *and through licensed physical therapists,* respectively.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of March, A. D. 1982.

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