

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
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Topic: PTA Supervision Requirements**

These tables provide information on what type of supervision is required for PTAs in various practice settings.

Definitions

Onsite Supervision	The supervisor is physically present and immediately available to direct and supervise tasks that are related to patient/client management. The supervisor shall be in the same building or, where physical therapy is rendered in several contiguous buildings, in one of the contiguous buildings, while the physical therapist assistant is rendering care. The supervisor shall be constantly available through electronic communications for consultation or for recall to the immediate area.
General Supervision	The supervisor is available on a regularly scheduled basis to review the practice of the PTA and support the PTA in the performance of his/her services. The supervising therapist is on call and readily available physically or through direct telecommunication for consultation, and written or oral instructions for treatment of the patient has been given. There is predetermined plan for emergency situations, including the designation of an alternate PT in the absence of the regular licensed PT.
Indirect Supervision	The supervising physical therapist maintains verbal and written contact with supportive personnel, including being on call, when physical therapy services are being provided.

Summary: Types of PTA Supervision Required in Jurisdictions:

Category	Home Health	Schools	Hospital Inpatient	Hospital Outpatient	Independent PT Practice	Skilled Nursing Facility	Rehab Agency	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility (CORF)	Other
Onsite Supervision	5	6	12	10	10	7	8	9	4
General Supervision	22	20	18	19	18	20	18	18	5
Indirect Supervision	8	8	6	6	7	6	6	7	3
Not Defined	4	5	4	5	5	6	7	5	10
Not Reported	14	14	13	13	13	14	14	14	31
Total	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53

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STATE	Home Health	Schools	Hospital Inpatient	Hospital Outpatient	Independent PT Practice	Skilled Nursing Facility	Rehab Agency	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility (CORF)	Other	If you checked other, please specify the setting:
AL	Indirect	Indirect	General	General	General	General	General	General	Not Defined	
AK	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect		
AZ	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Do not identify practice settings that require onsite or general supervision.
AR	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
CA	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
CO	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite supervision for all settings.
CT	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
DE	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined		
DC	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite		
FL	General	Not Defined	Onsite	General	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	
GA	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
HI	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Onsite	
ID	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	
IL										
IN	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite		
IA	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
KS	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Not Defined	
KY	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
LA	General	General	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite		
ME	<i>No Data Provided</i>									

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MD	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	The PT Act and its regulations are not setting specific. It applies to anywhere limited physical therapy is practiced.
MA	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined	Not Defined		
MI	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
MN	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect supervision for all settings. However the PT must provide direct supervision at least every 6th treatment session by the PTA.
MS	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Not Defined	
MO	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	
MN	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
NE	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Not Defined	
NV	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite		Note: general can be used when the PTA has reached a documented 2000 hours of supervised work. The PT must do the initial eval and plan of care and follow-up with re-eval and care in the timeframe established by law.
NH	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
NJ	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
NM	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Not Defined	

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NY			Onsite	Onsite	Onsite					
NC	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect		
ND	General	General	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	General	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Treating out-patients in a nursing home setting
OH	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Onsite	Under the state's Medicaid rules (OAC 5101:3-8-02), onsite ("direct") supervision is required whenever the PTA is providing "skilled therapy."
OK	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		
OR	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Regardless of the setting, general supervision is required of physical therapist assistants
PA	Indirect	Indirect	Onsite	Not Defined	Indirect	Not Defined	Not Defined	Indirect		All of the above vary with the registration the PTA holds- we now have the PTA and the PTA-indirect supervision registration.
PR	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
RI	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
SC	General	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Not Defined	
SD	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
TN	<i>No Data Provided</i>									

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										In addition to the measures included in the description of Indirect Supervision, a PTA treat only on the basis of a written plan of care, that a PT be readily available to respond to the PTA in person when the PTA is treating, and that the PT hold documented conferences with the PTA as necessary. I checked other because the supervision requirements are the same in all settings, and if there are OTHER settings, they would apply there too.
TX	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	
UT	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Not Defined	

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										3.4 SUPERVISION STANDARDS (1) For physical therapist assistants, the supervisor makes regular visits at reasonable frequency to the place where the assistant is providing service to observe the assistant provide the patient treatment and adjust the treatment plan as needed. The physical therapist documents the visits in the patient's medical record. The physical therapist re-evaluates and renders personal treatment to a patient at least every fifth visit or every 30 days, whichever occurs first.
VT										
VI	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
VA	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Not Defined

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WA									General	Licensed PTAs can work under direct or indirect supervision. The supervising licensed PT determines the appropriate supervision for their assistive personnel which includes assistants and aides.
WV	General	General	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	General	Not Defined	Onsite		
WI	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	PT and PTAs must meet face to face every 14 days
WY	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General		