

**Board of Physical Therapy**  
**Supervision of unlicensed support personnel in any setting**

If a Physical Therapist (“PT”) is asked to provide a plan of care and sign off on care provided to patients by unlicensed support personnel (regardless of the title of such personnel) in any setting, then the PT is fully responsible for the actions of the unlicensed support personnel performing physical therapy tasks. The tasks assigned to unlicensed support personnel must be performed under the direct supervision of the PT or Physical Therapist Assistant (“PTA”), meaning he or she is physically present and immediately available. The tasks assigned must be non-discretionary and cannot require the exercise of professional judgment. A PT who develops a plan of care and signs off on a plan of care which must be carried out in such a manner or at a location at which direct supervision by the PT or PTA is not possible may be in violation of the regulations governing the practice of physical therapy, including 18VAC112-20-10 and 18VAC112-20-100.