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Due to on-going COVID-19 concerns and Governor Hutchinson's recent State of Emergency Declaration, the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Health, the Legislative, and Executive Branches of State Government to address this emergency.

The Board understands that patients in need of vital physical therapy services are not able to receive such services through in-person encounters.

Therefore, the Arkansas Board of Physical Therapy finds that the definition of "healthcare professional" in the Arkansas Telemedicine Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-80-401 et seq. does apply to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, so long as they have an established relationship with the patient and have performed a face-to-face evaluation of the patient prior to telehealth services being rendered.

The Board will not take disciplinary action against a licensee who delivers physical therapy services via telemedicine in accordance with each licensee's scope of practice and in accordance with the Arkansas Telemedicine Act and the applicable rules of the Arkansas Medical Board.

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