STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2024

Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to authorizing treatment of workers' compensation injuries by an occupational therapy assistant or physical therapy assistant

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 13-b of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding two new paragraphs (p) and (q) to read as follows:

(p) "Physical therapist assistant" shall mean licensed in accordance with the education law and the licensing requirements of the commissioner of education.

(q) "Occupational therapy assistant" shall mean licensed in accordance with the education law and the licensing requirements of the commissioner of education.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 13-b of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new paragraph (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Under the direction and supervision of an authorized occupational therapist, occupational therapy services may be rendered by an occupational therapy assistant. Under the direction and supervision of an authorized physical therapist, physical therapy services may be rendered by a physical therapist assistant. Where any such care or treatment is rendered, records of the patient's condition and progress, together with records of instruction for treatment, if any, shall be maintained by the physical therapist or occupational therapist and by the referring physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, or nurse practitioner. Said records shall be submitted to the chair on forms and at such times as the chair may require.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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