

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1705

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT TO CLARIFY THAT
A PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY
SERVICES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ONLY BY AN IN-PERSON
EXAMINATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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THAT A PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP FOR
PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES SHALL BE
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EXAMINATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-403(a)(1), concerning the establishment of a professional relationship within the Telemedicine Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a A healthcare professional at a distant site shall not utilize telemedicine with respect to a patient located in Arkansas unless a professional relationship exists between the healthcare professional and the patient or the healthcare professional otherwise meets the requirements of a professional relationship as defined in § 17-80-402.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-80-403, concerning the establishment of a professional relationship within the Telemedicine Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:



(d) A professional relationship for physical therapy services shall only be established if the healthcare professional conducts an in-person examination of the patient.