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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** December 11, 2014

**To:** Woody McMillin, Director of Communication and Media Relations

**From:** Wanda E. Hines, Board Administrator

**Name of Board or Committee:** Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities-  
Performance Improvement Issue Standing Committee

**Date of Meeting:** January 20, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon., CST

**Place:** Poplar Conference Room  
665 Mainstream Drive, First Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Major Item(s) on Agenda:** Discussion on Proposed Rule Language for Hospital  
Regulation 1200-08-01-.05 Relating to the  
Requirement of Physician Referrals for Physical  
Therapy Services, Hospital Admission and Treatment  
under the Supervision of a Physician and Treatment  
shall be given or administered to a patient of a  
Hospital except on the order of a Physician.

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**AGENDA**

**BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES  
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ISSUE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**665 Mainstream Drive, First Floor**

**Poplar Conference Room**

**Nashville, TN 37243**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**January 20, 2015**

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order.**
- 2. Discussion.**
  - A. Proposed Rule Language of Hospital Regulation 1200-08-01-.05 Relating to the Requirement of Physician Referrals for Physical Therapy Services, Hospital Admissions and Treatment under the Supervision of a Physician and Treatment shall be given or administered to a patient of a Hospital except on the Order of a Physician.**
- 3. Public Comments.**
- 4. Adjourn.**

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**  
**PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ISSUE (PI) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities' Performance Improvement Issue (PI) Standing Committee meeting began on January 20, 2015. Jim Shulman was unanimously nominated and voted as Chairman of the standing committee.

A quorum roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Jim Shulman – here

Mr. John Marshall – here

The additional members of the PI Standing Committee had their Board terms to expire and new Board members will be assigned. A quorum was established.

Ann Reed, Director of the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities, provided background to the purpose of this standing committee and its formation. The PI Standing Committee was developed as a result of a Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities' Q&A. The purpose of this standing committee is to address all relevant issues relating to the provision of services in and the applicability of the rules and regulations for all facility types.

There was only one item brought before this standing committee for discussion.

Ms. Reed gave background to the item on the agenda, proposed rule language for hospital regulation 1200-08-01-.05 relating to the requirement of physician referrals for physical therapy services, hospital admissions and treatment under the supervision of a physician and treatment shall be given or administered to a patient of a hospital except on the order of a physician. The proposed rule language was presented by the Physical Therapy Association which included occupational and speech therapy disciplines. The rule amendment will allow the above therapists to make referral of patients for outpatient therapy services. This is allowable under the respective professional licensures and scopes of practice. Ms. Estie Harris from Smith, Harris, and Carr spoke on behalf of the Physical Therapy Association and their proposed rule language amendment informing the standing committee that this item was initial heard at the September 2014 Board meeting and was deferred to this standing committee for consideration and discussion. Representatives from the following hospitals were present – Fort Sanders & Parkwest Medical Center/Covenant Health, Blount Memorial. John Marshall asked how Joint Commission views the practice of therapists making referral of patients for outpatient therapy services within hospitals. Fort Sanders' representative, Dr. Mary Dillon, indicated Joint Commission does refer to state laws and will defer during a survey to the state law, but no direct clarifying or qualifying statement has been received from Joint Commission on this item leaving hospitals with an inherent risk for the citation of a deficiency from Joint Commission. **Mr. Marshall made a motion to accept the recommended amendment for rule 1200-08-01-.05 regarding admissions, discharges, and transfers; and 1200-08-01-.05 regarding section five (5) except in emergencies; and 1200-08-01-.07 regarding rehabilitative services A, B, C, D, and E. Mr. Shulman seconded. The motion passed.**

Mr. Shulman adjourned the standing committee meeting.