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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6825

BILL NUMBER: SB 197

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 26, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Physical Therapists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a physical therapist to provide subsequent treatment to a patient who was previously referred to the physical therapist for the same condition if: (1) the referral was given not more than 6 months before the request for subsequent treatment; and (2) the physical therapist contacts the referring provider within three days. The bill allows a physical therapist to evaluate a patient without a referral, but requires the physical therapist to contact the patient's appropriate provider and obtain a referral before providing treatment. The bill requires a physical therapist to complete additional education in order to receive an endorsement to perform spinal manipulation, adjustment, or Grade 5 mobilization. The bill also specifies that a physical therapist may perform sharp debridement only on the order of a physician. It also removes the authority that allows physical therapists to practice physical therapy upon the order or referral of a psychologist.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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