

**Policy**  
**Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy**

**Consent Forms Without Referral**

Pursuant to Public Chapter No. 423, which amends Tenn. Code Ann. Sec. 63-13-303 (a)(B), the Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy enacts the following Policy Statement regarding consent forms relating to direct access of physical therapy without referral.

1. The Physical Therapist providing “direct access services” shall have a patient sign an informed consent form that states one of the following:
  - (a) The patient does not have a licensed doctor of medicine, chiropractor, dentist, podiatrist, or doctor of osteopathic medicine for the treating injury, OR
  - (b) The patient chooses direct access to physical therapy services and forgoes the right to have a licensed doctor of medicine, chiropractor, dentist, podiatrist, or doctor of osteopathic medicine informed of the initiation of physical therapy treatment.

Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy on This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2008.

**Amended by the Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy on November 14, 2008.**