

Table 2 Physical Therapist Contributions to Life Care Plan Recommendations

Care Category	Can Physical Therapist Make Recommendation?
Physician (MD, DO, DC, DDS) Referral to Evaluate/Consult	Within scope of practice for specialists within similar practice area, otherwise outside of scope of practice
Physician (MD, DO) On-Going Visits	Outside of scope of practice
Chiropractic Visits	Within scope of practice
Dentist On-Going Visits and Sedation	Outside of scope of practice
Ancillary (Non-physician Professionals) Referrals	Within scope of practice for OT, SLP, acupuncture, massage; collaborative for psychology
Ancillary On-Going Visits	Within scope of practice for PT, OT, acupuncture, massage, otherwise outside of scope of practice
Diagnostic Testing	Collaborative for some tests, otherwise outside of scope of practice
Surgery	Outside of scope of practice
Aggressive Interventions (e.g., Invasive Procedures, Specialty Programs)	Within scope of practice for specialty programs within practice area, such as chronic pain functional restoration program or TBI program, otherwise outside of scope of practice
Wheelchairs, Including Features and Accessories	Within scope of practice
Other Mobility Equipment	Within scope of practice
Orthotics	Within scope of practice
Prosthetics	Collaborative
Other Medical Equipment	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Adaptive Aids for Independent Function	Within scope of practice
Drugs Requiring Prescription	Outside of scope of practice
Over-the-Counter Drugs	Outside of scope of practice
Disposable Supplies	Within scope of practice or collaborative
Home Care Skill Level (to Attend to Person) (i.e., unlicensed aide, licensed nurse)	Within scope of practice
Home Care Hours	Within scope of practice
Household (housekeeping, yard care, house	Within scope of practice

repairs) Services and Hours	
Adapted Transportation (Evaluation, Training, Equipment)	Within scope of practice
Alternative Transportation	Within scope of practice
Architectural Modification	Within scope of practice
Home Furnishings	Within scope of practice
Health Maintenance	Within scope of practice
Adaptive or Therapeutic Recreation	Within scope of practice
Potential Complications	Collaborative