When practicing physical therapy in the state of Missouri, a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall limit his/her scope of practice to what was defined as “practice of physical therapy” under the Missouri Physical Therapy Practice Act. (Section 334.500(4), RSMo)

A supervising physical therapist may delegate physical therapy responsibilities to a physical therapy technician, who is not a licensed physical therapist assistant or an unlicensed student attempting to satisfy supervised clinical education requirements related to the person's physical therapy education. (Sections 334.506.7 and 334.610, RSMo)

Physical therapists may initiate treatment for a new injury or illness without a prescription from an approved health care provider. The approved health care provider only include physician and surgeon licensed under Chapter 334, RSMo. (Section 334.506, RSMo)

A physical therapist may provide educational resources and training, develop fitness or wellness programs for asymptomatic persons, or provide screening or consultative services within the scope of physical therapy practice without the prescription and direction of an approved health care provider. (Section 334.506.3, RSMo)

A physical therapist may examine and treat, without the prescription and direction of an approved health care provider, any person with a recurring self-limited injury within one year of diagnosis by an approved health care provider or a chronic illness that has been previously diagnosed by an approved health care provider as long as certain conditions are met. (Section 334.506.4, RSMo)

To be eligible for relicensure, a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant needs to accumulate thirty (30) hours of continuing education every two (2) years. (Section 334.507, RSMo)

Before applying to the Board for an inactive license status, a licensee must hold a current and active license to practice physical therapy in the state of Missouri and shall not be under investigation by the board or involved in pending disciplinary proceedings. (Section 334.525, RSMo, and Rules 20 CSR 2150-3.055(4) and 20 CSR 2150-3.163(4))

Patient records do not need to be legible. When a correction, addition, or change is made in a patient's record, it does not need to be clearly marked or identified as such. (Section 334.602, RSMo)

An unlicensed student may practice physical therapy without the on-site supervision of a physical therapist, if the unlicensed student is in an entry level of a professional education program satisfying clinical education requirements related to the person's physical therapist or physical therapist assistant education. (Sections 334.506.7 and 334.610, RSMo)

The Board may discipline a licensee for obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition, or other compensation by fraud, deception, or misrepresentation; willfully and continually overcharging or overtreating patients; or charging for sessions of physical therapy which did not occur unless the services were contracted for in advance, or for services which were not rendered or documented in the patient's records. (Section 334.613.2(4)(a), RSMo)

A licensee may delegate physical therapy responsibilities to a person who is not qualified by training, skill, competency, age, experience, or licensure to perform such responsibilities; and by doing so, the licensee does not violate the Physical Therapy Practice Act. (Section 334.613.2(4)(d), RSMo)
12. T F It is unlawful for any physical therapist or physical therapy assistant to assist or enable unlicensed practice; or to knowingly perform any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or encourages unlicensed practice. (Section 334.613.2(10), RSMo)

13. T F Knowingly making or causing to be made a false statement or misrepresentation of a material fact, with intent to defraud, for payment from MO HealthNet or Missouri Department of Mental Health or for payment from the federal Medicare & Medicaid program is considered a violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act and constitutes ground(s) to discipline a person’s physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license. (Section 334.613.2(16), RSMo)

14. T F The Board may hold a hearing to determine whether probable cause exists to reexamine a licensee to establish competency if the Board has reason to believe a licensee is unable to practice within reasonable skill and safety due to reasons of incompetency, illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or as a result of any mental or physical condition. (Section 334.613.2(24), RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-3.085)

15. T F The Board may issue an order suspending or restricting the license of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant if the licensee presents a clear and present danger to the public health and safety. (Section 334.615, RSMo)

16. T F The Board shall not automatically revoke a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant’s license when such person has been found guilty or has entered a plea of guilty in a felony criminal prosecution under the laws of the state of Missouri, the laws of any other states, or the laws of the United States for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of their profession. (Section 334.616, RSMo)

17. T F The Board may make application to a court of general jurisdiction for an injunction, restraining order or other order as may be appropriate to enjoin a person from engaging in the practice of physical therapy without a license. (Section 334.617, RSMo)

18. T F As a condition of discipline, the Board may not require a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to submit to care, counseling or treatment at the expense of the individual to be examined, or require the person to attend relevant continuing educational courses and pass an examination as the Board may direct. (Section 334.100.4, RSMo)

19. T F A licensee who fails to complete the necessary hours of continuing education during the biennial cycle and who fails to request a prior extension of time from the Board pursuant to rule 20 CSR 2150-3.202 may still practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. (Rule 20 CSR 2150-3.201(2))

20. T F Failure to receive a renewal application form does not relieve any licensee of the duty to renew or register and pay the required fee, nor does such failure exempt the licensee from the penalties provided by Chapter 334 for failure to register. (Sections 334.080 and 334.613.2(4)(n), RSMo)