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Dear Dr. Donovan:

On behalf of the Healthcare Association of New York State's member nonprofit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies and other healthcare organizations, thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations related to supervision of physical therapist assistants.

The proposed regulations would implement Chapter 549 of the Laws of 2025 by removing the onsite supervision requirement for physical therapist assistants and requiring the supervising physical therapist to be accessible at least by telecommunication.

The proposed regulations recognize the professional judgment of the supervising physical therapist to determine the appropriate level of supervision on a case-by-case basis and the flexibility to schedule needed consultations based on patient-specific circumstances and the diverse nature of physical therapy settings.

In the midst of unprecedented and persistent healthcare workforce shortages across all roles and regions, HANY and our members support commonsense efforts to enact workforce flexibilities that enable New York healthcare organizations to optimize their existing workforce and build the workforce pipeline.

We support enactment of these proposed regulations and look forward to additional opportunities to bolster the healthcare workforce to best meet the needs of patients and communities.

Sincerely,



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