



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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PT Referral for Imaging

- This bill allows PTs to order diagnostic imaging and requires results to be provided to the patient's primary care provider within 7 days.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 148A.5A) – New Section – Referral for diagnostic imaging

Allows a physical therapist to order diagnostic imaging to be performed and interpreted by other appropriately licensed health care professionals. The PT must report the results to the patient's primary care provider within 7 days after the results.

Requires the board of physical and occupational therapy to adopt rules to ensure patient coordination of care.

Defines "diagnostic imaging".

Amendment Analysis

H-1176 by Best – Strike-after amendment to conform to the Senate File. This amendment narrows the ability for physical therapists to refer patients for X-Rays and MRIs, rather than all diagnostic imaging. This amendment requires the results of the imaging be interpreted by qualified health care professionals and the results of the imaging to be provided to the primary care provider within 7 days.