



## Notice of Written Comment Period and Public Hearing Sunrise Review - Physical Therapy Scope of Practice

Subject: Proposal to add dry needling to the physical therapist scope of practice

Proponent: Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA)

Public Hearing: August 2, 2016 – begins at 1:00 PM  
Please sign in by 1:30 to testify

Department of Health  
310 Israel Road SE, Room 152/153  
Tumwater, Washington 98501  
[Map to Building](#)

Written Comments: Written comments are invited on the proposal until July 27, 2016 at 5:00 PM.  
*There will be additional opportunities for comments following the August 2 public hearing and after we release draft recommendations.*

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The Washington State Legislature has requested that the Department of Health (department) consider a sunrise proposal to add dry needling to the physical therapy scope of practice. The proposal would allow physical therapists to perform dry needling upon completion of at least one year of full time practice, 54 hours of education and training in dry needling, and receiving an endorsement from the department. The legislature also requests we review the evidence on the efficacy of dry needling. The Senate Health Care Committee submitted Senate Bill 6374 with the sunrise request.

The PTWA is the applicant group (or proponent) of this proposal and has submitted a report outlining the statutory criteria in [chapter 18.120 RCW](#). Details on this proposal, including the proposed bill, can be found on our [Sunrise Webpage](#).

We are inviting written comments at this time on the applicant's proposal. Please email your comments to [sunrise@doh.wa.gov](mailto:sunrise@doh.wa.gov), or mail them to the address below by 5:00 PM on July 27, 2016. You may also provide oral or written testimony at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing.

If you would like to receive updates during the review, please email your request to [sunrise@doh.wa.gov](mailto:sunrise@doh.wa.gov).

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