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Miss R. M. Latimer, Chairman
Legislative Committee
Maryland Chapter, A.P.T.A.
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Dear Miss Latimer:

This is in response to your letter of October 22, on the subject of the legality of Physical Therapists accepting patients referred by out-of-State physicians.

By informal communication, Mr. Joseph Kaufman, Assistant Attorney General, in response to the question which you raised, has pointed out that in Section 605 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957, it is stated that a Physical Therapist treats only patients diagnosed and referred by licensed medical doctors. Since this language does not say that the physicians must be licensed in Maryland, it is clearly the intent of the Law that Physical Therapists in Maryland are warranted to accept patients referred by medical doctors licensed by the duly authorized body in Maryland or in any other State or country.

I trust that this information will serve your purposes.

Very truly yours,

CLEMENS W. GAINES,
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Henry O. Kendall ✓

