

Model Statutory Language to Collect Workforce Data

In order to collect work force data, the board must have the authority to do so. Jurisdictions may consider including the following language in the section of the law dealing with the powers and duties of the board.

2.02 Powers and Duties of the Board

The board shall:

Have the authority to determine and collect, at the time of new licensure [or certification] and licensure [or certification] renewal, a core set of data elements deemed necessary for the purpose of workforce planning. The data elements shall be used to create and maintain a health care workforce database. The Board may enter into agreements with a private or public entity to establish and maintain the database, perform data analysis, and/or prepare reports concerning the physical therapy workforce. The Board shall promulgate rules to perform duties pursuant to this [act].

The core set of data elements, or minimum data set, for physical therapists/physical therapist assistants has been defined by the members of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and is found at www.fsbpt.org/ptmds

In some jurisdictions, the Board may be required to provide this data either upon request or as required to other state agencies, the Legislative Assembly, the public etc. The Board may choose to add this requirement in the statutory language or in rules.

Whenever possible, information should be released by the Board only in the aggregate without reference to any person's name or other individual identifiers. A Board may choose to add language to that effect in the statutory language or to rules.