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Abstract: Adds "physical therapist assistant" and "occupational therapist assistant" to the definition of "health care provider" and "state healthcare provider" for the purposes of medical malpractice.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(10)) provides the definition of "health care provider" for the purposes of medical malpractice.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds "physical therapist assistant" and "occupational therapist assistant" to the definition of "health care provider".

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:1237.1(A)(9)(a)(ii)) provides the definition of "state health care provider" for the purposes of medical malpractice for state services.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds "physical therapist assistant" and "occupational therapist assistant" to the definition of "state health care provider".

(Amends R.S. 40:1231.1(A)(10) and 1237.1(A)(9)(a)(ii)(intro. para.))