

## **DEFINITIONS**

The Association's Board of Directors has adopted the following definitions of terms.

- POLICY:** A decision which obligates actions or subsequent decisions on similar matters.
- STANDARD:** An approved, binding statement used to judge quality of action or activity. The use of "ethical standard" refers to right and wrong conduct.
- POSITION:** An approved opinion or judgment which APTA members are expected to support.
- GUIDELINES:** Approved, non-binding statements of advice.
- PROCEDURE:** Steps required to achieve a result.
- CODE OF ETHICS:** "Code of Ethics" is reserved for exclusive use as the title of one document approved by the Association's House of Delegates in accordance with the Association's bylaws, i.e., the Code of Ethics.
- GUIDE:** "Guide" is reserved for exclusive use in the titles of two documents issued by the association's Judicial Committee in accordance with the Association's bylaws, i.e., the Guide for Professional Conduct and the Guide for Conduct of the Affiliate Member.

Note: Documents that have not yet been approved should be identified as DRAFT documents.