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A Word from the Chair

Reminders and Professional Responsibility:

To give credit where credit is due, Neva Greenwald, PT, recently retired Board chair, offered us great reminders in a past article. She asked us several questions including:

Are you up to date on the rules and regulations? Have you looked up the State Board of Physical Therapy website, and are you familiar with the resources available there? Do you have a paper or electronic copy of the law/practice act? Have you reviewed the rules and regulations lately? Do you periodically check the website for updated information? Do you know who the members of the Board of Physical Therapy are and their terms of office? Have you spoken to a Board member or to a staff member regarding a question you have had? Have you attended a Board meeting?

These are all wonderful questions and reminders for us to reflect upon from time to time. It is so easy to get in a routine of professional and family life without taking the time to stay current on regulations, the practice act, and important Board updates.

I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone how the Board makes a decision regarding what is within the scope of practice. For example, it was recently determined that the practice of dry needling was within the scope of practice for physical therapy. In making that determination, the Board took into consideration information including its consumer safety/public protection role, the educational background, skills and credentials of physical therapists, societal needs, national patterns of practice in the field of physical therapy and the Board's ability

to define and establish competency for the therapeutic treatment technique. These kinds of guidelines make it much easier for the Board to answer questions that may be raised by patients/consumers, physical therapy practitioners, other healthcare providers and governmental agencies.

As mentioned earlier in the case of dry needling, two events occurred. First, the Mississippi Council of Advisors in Acupuncture requested an attorney general's opinion regarding the MSBPT's authority to define physical therapy practice as it relates to this treatment technique. Our Board sent the attorney general documentation regarding contemporary standards for physical therapist education and practice to assist that office. Second, a presentation was made before the Mississippi Medical Licensure Board to clarify the current physical therapy practice as it relates to dry needling.

The Office of the Attorney General reaffirmed the authority of the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy to determine the scope of practice for physical therapy practitioners. Thus the attorney general's opinion gave credence to the process and the criteria that the Board uses in making decisions that affect the scope of practice for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants of the State of Mississippi.

As always, the Board encourages you to attend any Board meeting as well as staying current with regard to rules, regulations and the practice act for physical therapy.

Shannon Singletary, DPT

FSBPT Fixed-Date Licensure Testing Schedule for 2013

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy plans on maintaining fixed-date testing indefinitely for both the PT and PTA examinations. The PT and PTA National Physical Therapy Exam will host four tests only starting in 2013. Here is a list of the schedule for the administration of the PT & PTA National Physical Therapy Exams (NPTE) in 2013.

PT NPTE:

January 29, 2013
April 30, 2013
July 24, 2013
October 30, 2013

PTA NPTE:

January 8, 2013
April 8, 2013
July 10, 2013
October 9, 2013

BOARD NEWS

■ New Board Appointments

Governor Phil Bryant has announced two new appointments to the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy. Cynthia “Cyndi” Scott is a physical therapist from Ridgeland who is representing the 3rd Congressional District, replacing retiring Board member Neva Greenwald. She is currently employed by the University of Mississippi Medical Center as a professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, School of Health Related Professions. Dr. Scott has served in leadership positions with the physical therapy profession at the state and national levels. Her contributions to the community have included philanthropic, musical, religious and physical therapy pro bono services. She is a 1978 graduate of Texas Woman’s University and has been licensed as a physical therapist in Mississippi since 1985. Her appointment began July 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2016.

Robert A. McGuire, Jr., MD, of Jackson was appointed as the physician member to the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy. He is currently employed by the University of Mississippi Medical Center as Chairman and Professor, Spine Surgery, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation and is also associate professor in the Department of Neurosurgery. Dr. McGuire serves on the councils and boards of various state and national organizations related to orthopaedic surgery and has numerous professional affiliations. He is also a frequent presenter and guest speaker as well as a prolific writer and published author in his field of medicine. His appointment is for a four year term effective immediately and expires June 30, 2016.

The Board and staff welcome Dr. Scott and Dr. McGuire. We look forward to working with them in our efforts to ensure public safety and maintain physical therapy practice standards.

■ Farewell to Board Members

Sadly, we said farewell to one of the original Board members appointed to the Board by former Governor Ronnie Musgrove in 2002. Neva F. Greenwald is a physical therapist who represented the 3rd Congressional District. Neva began her term April 22, 2003, and it expired June 30, 2012. Neva has been serving as the Board Chair for the past nine years. The Board and staff would like to thank Neva for many years of dedicated service to the Board and to the profession of physical therapy. Her commitment to public safety and to maintaining physical therapy practice standards has been instrumental in leading our Board to establish a standard of excellence for the profession for many years to come. Her assertiveness, physical therapy expertise, knowledge of practice, and strong commitment to physical therapy services have been important in Board deliberations and actions. It has been a pleasure to work with Neva, and she will always have a special place in our hearts. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

■ Board Member Resignation

Rahul Vohra, MD, of Flowood resigned from the Board effective September 13, 2012. He was appointed to the Board by former Governor Haley Barbour as the physician member. Dr. Vohra’s term first term began January 31, 2007 and he had completed his second term at the end of June 2012. Dr. Vohra graciously participated in Board activities for two months until a new physician member was appointed. The Board would like to thank Dr. Vohra for his many contributions during his years of service to the Board.

Revised Declaratory Statement

April 24, 2012

Physical Therapist Assistant Supervision (Reference: Section Part 3103 Rule 8.2)

The purpose of this declaratory statement is to clarify the supervision requirements between the physical therapist and physical therapist assistant. The initial evaluation visit by the PT does not require the presence of the PTA. However, before the PTA can treat the patient independently, the PT must have a case conference with the PTA to discuss the evaluation, review the established plan of care, and provide the PTA with any instructions needed for the safe and effective treatment of the patient. This case conference may be face to face or by phone. This case conference must be documented in the patient’s record and signed by either the PT or the PTA. It must be noted that it is the responsibility of the PT to adequately orient the PTA to the patient and a joint visit may be necessary to accomplish this. It also must be noted that it is the responsibility of the PTA to be sure that they have received adequate information on the patient from the PT before beginning treatment. The PT is still required to provide treatment and reassess the patient on the 6th treatment day or the 30th calendar day, whichever comes first. There is no requirement that the PTA be present for the initial visit or follow-up visits by the PT but the PT must case conference with the PTA after each of these visits before the PTA treats the patient independently. The counting of the 6 visits begins with the first treatment visit by the PTA. Again, the case conference must be noted in the patient’s record. These supervision regulations apply to all settings where PTAs provide treatment including inpatient, outpatient, and home health.

Important Notification:

The Board office will move sometime prior to January 31, 2013. The new physical address will be 840 East River Place, Suite 503, Jackson, 39202. At this time, we do not know what the new telephone number will be. Please check the website for the telephone number in January. Please note the Board mailing address will not change.

New Licensees

The Board is pleased to welcome 165 new licensees to the physical therapy community in Mississippi. These licensees are new graduates who have passed the NPTE and received their permanent licenses, or practitioners who were previously licensed in other states and have either moved to Mississippi or who live in other states but are practicing in Mississippi. To the new graduates, we offer our congratulations on both graduation and on passing the NPTE. This is a noteworthy accomplishment. To the physical therapy practitioners who were licensed in other states, welcome to Mississippi!!

New Graduates Licensed as of May 1, 2012

Physical Therapists:

Alexander, Margaret A.
Aubic, John L.
Ball, Jena N.
Barber, Hayley K.
Bates, Brittany A.
Blubaugh, Amye L.
Boyd, Russell C.
Brown, Edward D.
Bryant, Lisa D.
Buford, Katharine B.
Caraway, Katelin B.
Christian, Jacquelyn H.
Clarke, Ellen E.
Cleveland, Cynthia D.
Coats, Mary T.
Craft, Jaime H.
Cranford, James P.
Danforth, Natalie K.
Davis, Candias S.
Dill, Stephen D.
Duggar, Andrew W.
Ellis, Robert R.
Ferguson, Lauren A.
Glorioso, Megan L.
Griffin, Kimberly E.
Gunalda, Rachel R.
Hatten, Kristi M.
Hill, Jordan L.
Ivy, Erika A.
Johnson, Kimberly N.
Johnson, Nicholas P.
Kelly, Christine M.
Kimball, Beth G.
Kitchens, Samuel D.
Lang, Jennifer K.
Lauing, Brandy L.
Letson, Bryan A.
Lott, Meredith A.
Matheny, Karla K.
McGraw, Thomas J.
Murphy, John D.
Newman, Rebecca F.
Nickels, Joseph B.
Oliver, Rebecca J.

Patel, Sheetal I.
Prewitt, Millicent T.
Renaudin, Marie M.
Rhodes, William Mark
Rivers, Tabitha C.
Rogers, Beth E.
Segrest, Leigh M.
Sexton, Nathaniel L.
Shivers, Kristen N.
Sims, Jamey N.
Skrmetti, Tiffany R.
St. John, Ann Claire
Sutton, Tiffany A.
Thompson, Thomas P.
Tomlinson, Francesca D.
Turner, Courtney V.
Tynes, Brittney R.
Watson, Thomas C.
White, Morgan L.
Wills, Abigail B.
Zeagler, Paul E.

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Artman, Kelsey M.
Basham, Melinda S.
Bedford, Karen E.
Boston, Krystal X.
Bowden, Sara M.
Bowman, Carla S.
Brown, Paige L.
Carpenter, Kaley R.
Clark, Joshua B.
David, Jeremy J.
Davis, Kandice W.
Dearman, Ashton P.
Ford, Britton V.
Garrett, Kristin I.
Gracia, Samanta A.
Grant, Amber E.
Gray, Anthony C.
Green, Jessica E.
Harris, Ashlee M.
Hefner, Connie R.
Helms, Collin C.
Hendrix, Jonathan P.

Hill, Lana M.
Hughes, Bobbie P.
Ivy, Joseph W.
Keith, Bennie C.
Ladner, Matthew J.
Lafayette, Sonya B.
Lagrone, Daniel W.
Loftin, Ronald J.
McDowell, Susan B.
McGee, Jessica L.
McLemore, Shaina N.
Morales, Jessie D.
Mupindu, Esther
Myers, Wesley H.
Noland, Kati L.
Northington, Jordan L.
Pearson, Jeffrey S.
Pearson, Wesley L.
Pope, Jacquelin R.
Pope, Joni A.
Ray, Chrysanne F.
Ready, Courtney M.
Riley, Rebecca E.
Riser, Kaleb A.
Robinson, Erin N.
Robinson, Justin C.
Russell, Heather B.
Scott II, James D.
Sentell, Sarah C.
Swink, Richard A.
Tally, Lance C.
Taylor, James K.
Tumblin, Ozzie J.
Ulmer, Allison E.
Vamos, Whitney D.
Waters, Cori E.
Windham, Arrealle L.

Physical Therapy Practitioners from other states or reinstatement of license since the Spring 2012 newsletter.

Physical Therapists:
Ablaza, Ruby Anne T.

Abubakar, Ammie R.
Adcock, Jasper W.
Babl, Ryan M.
Baldwin, Victoria W.
Briggs, Laura J.
Cowan, Taja R.
Epting, Kelly A.
Farrar, Felicia R.
Fernandez, Reed Jester
Finnie, William B.
Fulghum, Sarah G.
Hernandez, Anna A.
Lombard, Lisa Ann
MacLain, Kelly J.
McGuire, Elizabeth H.
Mink, Elizabeth E.
Nathan, Aimee G.
Owens, Logan C.
Quirk, Jr., Barry M.
Richardson, Jessica M.
Speer, Emily D.
Stacy, Joseane E.
Theriot, Shavon M.
Tiller, Brooks L.
Vieth, Tara N.
Wilkins, Shannon S.
Woodruff, Matthew H.
Woods, Brian A.

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Beall, Cameron C.
Beavers, Tracy L.
Bryant, Melissa K.
Crenshaw, Timothy M.
Crimm, Erica L.
Edwards, Jane E.
Frais, Virginia R.
Jenkins, Amy S.
Josten, Amanda K.
Lazarus, Alexa R.
Mantooth, Misti A.
Morrison, Amanda F.
Nelson, Kelly L.

Did you know?

- ❖ There are 1,715 physical therapists and 944 physical therapist assistants with active Mississippi licenses as of November 27, 2012.
- ❖ The next scheduled Board meeting is January 17, 2013. This meeting is open to the public.
- ❖ The Board office will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2012 and Tuesday, December 25, 2012 in observance of Christmas which is a legal state holiday.
- ❖ The Board office will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2012 and Tuesday, January 1, 2013 in observance of the New Year's celebration which is a legal state holiday.
- ❖ The Board's web address has recently changed to www.msbpt.ms.gov in accordance with state government changes to the official state agency web addresses.

Non-Renewed Licensees

Non-Renewed licenses for persons whose surnames begin with M-Z and whose licenses expire in even-numbered years (2012).

The following did not renew their licenses and cannot practice physical therapy in the State of Mississippi as of July 1, 2012. Some licensees may have been reinstated since this newsletter went to press. Check the license verification at www.msbpt.ms.gov for any updates.

Physical Therapists:

Hinton, Lindsey A. ....	.PT4067
Manuel, Josephine L. ....	.PT4780
Markham, Christopher S. ....	.PT4665
McCarty, Audrey L. ....	.PT4831
McEwen, Laila J. ....	.PT1338
Megginson, William J. ....	.PT4185
Melancon, Cleveland P. ....	.PT2906
Morette, Joseph M. ....	.PT1351
Netterville, Angela D. ....	.PT3156
Newlon, Heather R. ....	.PT3037
Pitts, Michael L. ....	.PT0884
Powell, Kenneth P. ....	.PT3018
Price, James L. ....	.PT2999
Quiles, Jr., Juan R. ....	.PT4322
Reeder, Craig A. ....	.PT3354
Rose, Claire L. ....	.PT4656
Roy, William A. ....	.PT1185
Santos, Bonnie J. ....	.PT0808
Showers, John P. ....	.PT4653
Sims, Patricia M. ....	.PT1284
Smith, Edward L. ....	.PT4928
Smith, Susan N. ....	.PT3801
Swann, Inna V. ....	.PT4451
Tatum, Jamika L. ....	.PT4824
Thompson, Jeffrey A. ....	.PT3133
Throckmorton, Parrish O. ....	.PT4157
Walker, Carolyn H. ....	.PT4925
Waycaster, Diana S. ....	.PT5013
Weaver, Robert B. ....	.PT0247
Wesley, Sr., Nehemiah M. ....	.PT3985
Wheeler, Stacy M. ....	.PT4794
White, Carter W. ....	.PT4345
Williams, Angela D. ....	.PT3527

Williams, Anna G. ....	.PT3897
Williamson, James B. ....	.PT1768
Wright, Rebecca A. ....	.PT0542
Zakrewski, Amber M. ....	.PT4179

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Carpenter, Christina M. ....	.PTA4169
Kinder, Melissa D. ....	.PTA4674
Matthews, Kelly S. ....	.PTA3648
McCready, Luz L. ....	.PTA4647
Meier, Karen L. ....	.PTA2532
Moon-Forbes, Rhonda L. ....	.PTA2107
Moore-Smith, Vivis Y. ....	.PTA1735
Morgan, Abby K. ....	.PTA4428
Myers, Joshua T. ....	.PTA4205
Nicholas, Ashley H. ....	.PTA4249
Perry, Rebecca S. ....	.PTA4800
Pettus, Courtney L. ....	.PTA4823
Pickett, Clifton F. ....	.PTA2676
Rillera, Julia M. ....	.PTA4843
Rozar, Bruce N. ....	.PTA3580
Setosta, Teena P. ....	.PTA4840
Shah, Jayshree K. ....	.PTA4641
Sims, Michael J. ....	.PTA4778
Smith, Rhonda P. ....	.PTA5027
Stanley, Jessica J. ....	.PTA4617
Stephenson, Rebecca L. ....	.PTA1425
Thurmond, Tracy A. ....	.PTA4109
Viger, Heather J. ....	.PTA3695
Waldrop, James E. ....	.PTA4738
Walker, Hallie K. ....	.PTA4311
Walker, Natalie R.PTA4607
Weathersby, Paige P.PTA2818
Wiggins, Lauren M.PTA4212

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You can find:

- ◆ Application packet
- ◆ Continuing Education – approved courses are available for review
- ◆ Current Board members
- ◆ How to file a complaint
- ◆ Information on how to get a course approved
- ◆ Licensure renewal information
- ◆ Links to APTA, MPTA, FSBPT and more
- ◆ List of current disciplinary actions
- ◆ Name/Address change forms and many more
- ◆ Practice Act and Rules and Regulations
- ◆ Scheduled Board meetings
- ◆ Verification of License – check to see if someone is licensed

REGULATION CHANGES

Attention!! Your regulations are outdated! Several deletions/changes/additions were made to the regulations which began effective either on April 1, 2012, July 1, 2012 or September 10, 2012. **The Board strongly suggests that you go to the Board's website (www.msbpt.ms.gov) and print a copy of the current regulations and keep them in a convenient place for easy referral.** To view the original rule for all deletions and addenda, you will need to review these changes on the website listed above. A summary of those changes and the sections of the regulations are listed below:

Deletions:

Deletion effective April 1, 2012: Any applicant for licensure who has failed the examination two times must complete a Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy approved remedial training plan prior to sitting for the exam again, the remedial training requirement is applicable regardless whether the examination was taken in Mississippi or other jurisdictions and the wording effective July 2008. **Part 3103 Rule 1.1(3)1-6.**

Deletion effective April 1, 2012: The wording effective July 2008. **Part 3103 Rule 1.6.3, 2.3, 3.1.c.**

Deletion effective April 1, 2012: Attendance at educational programs, where continuing education credit is given and approved by any Physical Therapy licensure jurisdiction in the United States. **Part 3103 Rule 5.4.1.**

Deletion effective April 1, 2012: For the entire old supervision and delegation language. **Part 3103 Rule 8.2.** *Please see addition section for new supervision and delegation rules.*

Deletion effective September 10, 2012: The word "onsite". **Part 3103 Rule 8.1**

Corrections:

Corrected effective April 1, 2012: The misspelling of the word "code" in the statute section. **Part 3103 Rule 5.1.**

Additions:

Added effective April 1, 2012: Physical Therapist Assistants as clinical instructors. The clinical instructor or his/her designee must be a licensed Mississippi physical therapy practitioner and shall be readily accessible and accountable at all times when physical therapy services are being provided by the student. If the student is completing a physical therapist educational program, it is a licensed physical therapist. If the student is completing a physical therapist assistant program, the physical therapist assistant will work collaboratively with a physical therapist to supervise the physical therapist assistant student in full compliance with all laws, rules and regulations regarding physical therapist assistant scope of practice. The Board has adopted the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) guidelines for supervision of student physical therapist assistants. **Part 3103 Rule 7.1.**

Added effective April 1, 2012: New supervision and delegation standards.

1. Supervision Standards. A Mississippi-licensed physical therapist may delegate the performance of selected acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a Mississippi licensed physical therapist assistant. The physical therapist shall, however, at all times be responsible for the physical therapy plan of care and instructions provided to the physical therapist assistant; interpretation of referrals; oversight of all documentation for services rendered to each client or patient; providing direct care to the patient; and assuring that the physical therapist assistant does not function autonomously. The supervising physical therapist shall, at a minimum:
 - a. Ensure that the assignment of responsibilities to the physical therapist assistant is commensurate with his or her qualifications, including training, education, skill level, and experience. In cases when the supervising physical therapist is the direct employer of the physical therapist assistant, the physical therapist shall ensure that the physical therapist assistant holds a valid and current Mississippi license.
 - b. Examine and evaluate the patient or client to establish a physical therapy diagnosis, treatment goals, frequency, duration, and plan of care before delegating tasks or interventions to be performed by a physical therapist assistant — the initial evaluation.
 - c. Before a patient is treated by the physical therapist assistant, evaluate the patient and establish a written plan of care to include the treatment initial and ongoing treatment program goals and plans for the patient or client, the elements of the plan of care to be delegated to the physical therapist assistant and predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, functions, or interventions delegated to the physical therapist assistant.
 - d. Review the patient plan of care, treatment goals and delegated tasks with the physical therapist assistant before the physical therapist assistant provides care to a patient for the first time.
 - e. The supervising physical therapist shall be readily available in person or by telecommunication to the physical therapist assistant at all times for advice, assistance and instruction while the physical therapist assistant is treating patients or clients or providing physical therapy services.
 - f. Hold regularly scheduled and documented in meetings and case conferences with the physical therapist assistant to evaluate the assistant's performance, review records and changes in plan of care, and assess the plan of care. The frequency of the meetings and case conferences is to be determined by the supervising physical therapist based upon the needs of the patient; the supervisory needs of the physical therapist assistant; and prior to any planned discharge. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, meetings and case conferences must take place at least once every sixth physical therapist assistant visit or at least once every thirtieth (30th) calendar day, whichever occurs first and be documented in the patient or client record.

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- g. Reevaluate the patient as previously determined during the initial evaluation, or more often if necessary, and modify the treatment, goals and plan as needed. The physical therapist assistant shall not alter a treatment plan or program without the prior evaluation by, and approval of, the supervising physical therapist. A supervising physical therapist must, however, re-evaluate and render personal treatment to a patient receiving physical therapy services from a physical therapist assistant a minimum of least once every sixth (6th) physical therapist assistant visit or at least once every or thirtieth (30th) calendar day, whichever occurs first.

Treat and assess the patient or client for his or her final treatment session, establish a discharge plan and write a discharge summary/status. If the supervising physical therapist is unable to carry out the provisions of this paragraph due to an emergency or unforeseen situation, an explanation of the circumstances constituting the emergency or unforeseen event must be documented in the treatment record of such patient.

2. Physical Therapist Assistants under Supervision. It is the responsibility of the physical therapist to determine the number of physical therapist assistants he or she can supervise safely and competently. However, in no case shall the physical therapist supervise more than a total of four (4) physical therapist assistants and/or physical therapy students at any point in time during the physical therapist's work day. The number of supervisees is inclusive of all geographic locations or employing agencies.

3. Documentation Requirements.

- a. A written record of physical therapy treatment shall be maintained for each patient. The written record shall include:

A prescription or referral when required showing the written request for physical therapy evaluation or treatment signed by a healthcare provider lawfully authorized to make such request.

Written documentation in each patient's record, along with the physical therapist's signature, of the treatment program goals and plan of care. An initial physical therapy evaluation shall not be documented or signed by a physical therapist assistant or any other personnel.

Progress notes regarding the client's or patient's subjective status, changes in objective findings, and progression or regression toward established goals.

A record of the reassessment or re-evaluation of the patient or client, written and signed by the supervising physical therapist.

Written documentation of each patient or client visit which includes specific treatment and services provided.

Written documentation of supervisory visits and/or conferences — including the date of visit, treatment plans and changes in the treatment plan; other communications between the supervising physical therapist and the physical therapist assistant; and findings and subsequent decisions made. The written documentation must be signed and dated by the supervising physical therapist or the physical therapist assistant.

Documentation of a discharge evaluation by the supervising physical therapist and a discharge summary which must be written and signed by the supervising physical therapist. If the supervising physical therapist is unable to provide a patient discharge evaluation and plan, the reason for or circumstances of such inability must be documented in the physical therapy treatment record of such patient.

Accurate patient or client treatment and billing records.

- b. A signature stamp shall not be used in lieu of a written signature on physical therapy patient or client records. Forms of electronic signatures, established pursuant to written policies and procedures to assure that only the author can authenticate his or her own entry, may be acceptable.

4. The supervision requirements stated in these regulations are minimal. It is the professional responsibility and duty of the licensed physical therapist to provide the physical therapist assistant with more supervision if deemed necessary in the physical therapist's professional judgment.

Part 3103 Rule 8.2.

Added effective July 1, 2012: Beginning July 1, 2012, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants can take no more than 12 contact hours or 1.2 CEUs of required continuing education online for a renewal period. **Part 3103 Rule 5.2.1.**

Added effective September 10, 2012: Telehealth is an appropriate model of service delivery when it is provided in a manner consistent with the standards of practice, ethical principles, rules and regulations for Mississippi physical therapy practitioners.

Added effective September 10, 2012: Intramuscular manipulation (dry needling) may be performed by a licensed physical therapist who has met the criteria as described hereunder:

- A. Intramuscular manual therapy is a physical intervention that uses a filiform needle no larger than 25 gauge needle to stimulate trigger points, diagnose and treat neuromuscular pain and functional movement deficits; is based upon Western medical concepts; requires an examination and diagnosis, and treats specific anatomic entities selected according to physical signs. Intramuscular manual therapy does not include the stimulation of auricular or distal points or any points based upon areas of Eastern (Oriental) medicine and acupuncture.
- B. Intramuscular manual therapy as defined pursuant to this rule is within the scope of practice of physical therapy.
- C. A physical therapist must have the knowledge, skill, ability, and documented competency to perform an act that is within the physical therapist's scope of practice.
- D. To be deemed competent to perform intramuscular manual therapy a physical therapist must meet the following requirements:
1. Documented successful completion of a intramuscular manual therapy course of study; online study is not considered appropriate training.

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- a. A minimum of 50 hours of face-to-face IMS/dry needling course study; online study is not considered appropriate training.
 - b. Three years of practice as a licensed physical therapist prior to using the intramuscular manual therapy technique.
2. The physical therapist must have Board approved credentials for providing intramuscular manipulation which are on file with the Board office prior to using the treatment technique.
- E. The provider of the required educational course does not need to be a physical therapist. A intramuscular manual therapy course of study must meet the educational and clinical prerequisites as defined in this rule, D(1)(a)&(b) and demonstrate a minimum of two years of intramuscular manual therapy practice techniques.
 - F. A physical therapist performing intramuscular manual therapy in his/her practice must have written informed consent for each patient where this technique is used. The patient must sign and receive a copy of the informed consent form. The consent form must, at a minimum, clearly state the following information:
 1. Risks and benefits of intramuscular manual therapy.
 2. Physical therapist's level of education and training in intramuscular manual therapy.
 3. The physical therapist will not stimulate any distal or auricular points during intramuscular manual therapy.
 - G. When intramuscular manual therapy is performed, this must be clearly documented in the procedure notes and must indicate how the patient tolerated the technique as well as the outcome after the procedure.
 - H. Intramuscular manual therapy shall not be delegated and must be directly performed by a qualified, licensed physical therapist.
 - I. Intramuscular manual therapy must be performed in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards of practice, including but not limited to, aseptic techniques and standards of the center for communicable diseases.
 - J. Failure to provide written documentation of appropriate educational credentials is a violation of this rule, and is prima facie evidence that the physical therapist is not competent and not permitted to perform intramuscular manual therapy.
 - K. This rule is intended to regulate and clarify the scope of practice for the physical therapist. **Part 3101 Rule 1.3c**

Added effective September 10, 2012: Licensees who are enrolled in a residency, fellowship and transitional doctoral of physical therapy programs may be exempted from obtaining the mandatory continuing education hours while completing the program of study. The required documentation is a letter from the director of residency, fellowship program or in the case of the transitional program, a transcript from the institution of enrollment. **Part 3103 Rule 5.2.5**

Added effective September 10, 2012: Students in an accredited physical therapy program may provide treatment services in a pro bono clinic setting under the supervision of a Mississippi licensed physical therapist when such is done as a part of the clinical requirements for graduation from a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program. **Part 3103 Rule 7.1.1**



*Happy
Holidays!*



Scope of Practice Questions

As of November 2012 all questions from licensees or consumers regarding physical therapist or physical therapist assistant scope of practice will be subject to the following process:

The question must be submitted in writing, either by mail or email, to the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy. Emailed questions may be sent to info@msbpt.state.ms.us and letters may be sent to MSBPT, P.O. Box 55707, Jackson, MS 39296. The question will be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting following the date the question is received.

A written Board-approved response will be sent to the person who presented the question.

Change of Home Address, Worksite or Name

It is the responsibility of licensees to provide the Board with written notification of address changes (home or work) no later than 30 days after such change is effective according to Section 3-8. For a name change, a notarized copy of the legal document must accompany the request. Failure to keep your address or name change current will result in a \$25.00 fee for the cost of resending any correspondence or materials.

NAME

LICENSE #

OLD NAME

OLD ADDRESS (City, State, Zip)

COUNTY

NEW ADDRESS (City, State, Zip)

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