

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CCU APPROVAL

As a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensee, it is **YOUR** responsibility to verify that the continuing competence (CC) courses you take are courses that meet the requirements of our regulations. To ensure that your courses are approved, please follow the steps listed below:

1. Go to the Continuing Competence page on the website (www.msbpt.ms.gov) and select the list of approved courses for the appropriate year. To be certain that you are taking courses that are acceptable to the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy, it is best to select courses that the Board has reviewed, approved, and placed on this list. **ONLY** courses that have been submitted to the Mississippi Board for review, appear on this list. **ALWAYS** check this list before registering and paying for a course.
2. If a course you would like to take does not appear on our list, you may check the regulations that appear at the top of the list and see if the course information provided to you by the sponsor lists any of the general approvals that we accept, such as APTA. However, if there is any doubt in your mind whether the course is acceptable, you should follow the instructions in #3.
3. **CALL THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION.** Ask if they have submitted the course to Mississippi and received approval. If they respond that the course is approved in Mississippi, ask the sponsor to fax or email a copy of the approval letter to you. At this point, you may discover that they are relying on the statement in our regulations Part 3103 Rule 5.4 (1) (b) that says that we will accept “Conferences and continuing competence activities provided by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), Mississippi Physical Therapy Association (MPTA), and other state chapters and sections of APTA.” If that is the case, the sponsor needs to put in writing, either in a letter or an email, a statement indicating approval of the course is “Per Mississippi Regulation Part 3103 Rule 5.4 (1) (b) the course will be accepted by the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy. They should also provide you with a list of any other state Physical Therapy Associations that have approved the course. **DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR VERBAL STATEMENT THAT THE COURSE IS APPROVED IN MISSISSIPPI!**