

## Change of Address Notification

The Mississippi Physical Therapy Regulations require that all licensees notify the Board office in writing of a change of home address within thirty (30) days after the change becomes effective. This policy is clearly stated in the Regulations and is included in every piece of correspondence that goes out to licensees. A fine of \$25.00 can be charged if any correspondence is returned by the Post Office because a licensee has moved and the time period for automatic forwarding of mail has expired.

Often licensees are surprised when they are advised that they may not renew their license until the fine is paid.

The Board determined that this policy and fine are fair. The fine covers the costs for reprocessing. Some other state physical therapy boards impose reportable disciplinary sanctions against licensees for failure to report address changes, and the fines are much higher than \$25.00.

Please keep your licensure file current. Report address changes, name changes and employment changes as soon as possible.

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS (City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail this form to the Mississippi Board of Physical Therapy, P.O. Box 55707, Jackson, MS 39296-5707 or fax to (601) 939-5246.*

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## A Word from the Board Administrator

With the holidays quickly approaching, the Board and Board staff would like to say "Happy Holidays". We hope each of you has a joyous and relaxing holiday with your families and friends.

During the holidays, the Board's office will be closed for the official state holidays established by proclamation of the Governor for the following days: Thursday, November 26, 2009 and Friday, November 27, 2009, in observance of the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, Thursday, December 24, 2009 and Friday, December 25, 2009, in observance of the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY and Thursday, December 31, 2009 and Friday, January 1, 2010, in observance of NEW YEAR'S DAY. The offices will be open Monday, January 4, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. for the regular working schedule.

Stephanie J. Boyette

## Cease and Desist Letter

A cease and desist letter was sent to **Christopher Toney, D.C. at Toney Chiropractic and Wellness** in Ocean Springs. He advertised in the newspaper and on his website that he is board certified in "physiotherapy".

## Correspondence from the Board

Frequently the Board's office sends memorandums or letters to licensees. These mailings may be mass mailings to all licensees or letters to individual licensees. All correspondence is intended to notify licensees about information that the Board considers important. Examples could be notification of a new physical therapy law or regulation or a Board opinion. Individual letters to licensees may contain information about individual continuing education requirements or licensure requirements for new licensees.

You will notice that when the Board's office returns your new ID card and license seal for the new renewal period, or when an initial license is sent to a new applicant, a memorandum is included with the license. This memorandum usually has information that the licensee needs to know; therefore, it is important that you read it in its entirety.

Many licensees have reported detaching the license or ID card from the memorandum and then discarding the memorandum without reading it. When this happens, you may miss crucial information. The Board suggests that each licensee maintain a licensure file with copies of all correspondence. Reviewing the file from time to time may reduce the stress involved with licensure renewal and save time and money.

H A P P Y  
*Holidays*

## Important Reminders

- ◆ All licensees must take two-hours of board-approved programs in ethics/professional responsibility as part of their total CE requirements.
- ◆ Address changes must be submitted on the change of address form located on the Board's website no later than thirty (30) days after such change is effective.
- ◆ You should always verify that a course is approved on the Board's website if you plan to submit it for continuing education credit.
- ◆ Failing to report to the Board any unprofessional, incompetent or illegal acts that appear to be in violation of this law or any rules established by the Board is a violation for which a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant may be disciplined.

## Proper CE Notification to the Board

Occasionally a licensee will mail or fax continuing education certificates to the Board's office at times other than license renewal time. Please refrain from doing this. You should only send these certificates when you mail your license renewal application and fee at the end of your licensure period. The Board's staff cannot be held responsible for assuring that your proof of continuing education will be retained for a long period of time.

Additionally, you should not send your original certificates. Copies will suffice for proof of CE completion. These certificates are not kept on file once the office staff verifies that the CE course is acceptable. Lack of adequate filing space prevents the office from retaining certificates year after year.

Finally, please remember that you should always verify that a course has been approved either by the Board or by an acceptable entity listed in section 7-4 of the regulations. NATA is not an acceptable approval source. Neither is BOC, ASHA, AOTA or IWA. Coursework from universities or colleges is only acceptable if the courses relate to the practice of physical therapy, and the school's PT program has been accredited by the CAPTE division of APTA. If a course has not been properly approved, it will not be accepted for CE credit, and your licensure status will be affected.

## Attention!

Look what's available on our website at [www.msbpt.state.ms.us](http://www.msbpt.state.ms.us).

Please visit the website frequently for updated information.

You can find:

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

## Did you know?

- ◆ There are 1495 physical therapists and 766 physical therapist assistants with active Mississippi licenses.
- ◆ The first physical therapist license issued in Mississippi was issued on June 17, 1967.
- ◆ The longest actively licensed physical therapist in Mississippi is Bert Haydel who holds license number PT0012 issued on June 17, 1967. Congratulations!!
- ◆ The first physical therapist assistant license issued in Mississippi was issued on November 28, 1990 to Diane Murray.
- ◆ Teal is the national color chosen to represent the practice of physical therapy.
- ◆ October is national physical therapy month and September is international physical therapy.
- ◆ 65 physical therapists and physical therapist assistants did not renew their licenses in 2009.
- ◆ Physical therapy is one of the most desirable professions in the United States.
- ◆ Copies of past newsletters are posted on the Board Website.
- ◆ The next scheduled Board meeting is December 10, 2009.
- ◆ Disciplinary actions are public information and are posted on the Board Website.
- ◆ All licensees shall comply with the current American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Standards of Practice for Physical Therapy and the accompanying Criteria.
- ◆ The Federation of State Board's of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) annual meeting for 2010 will be held in Denver, Colorado.
- ◆ The Board is authorized by section 93-11-153 of the Mississippi Code to suspend the license of any licensee who is out of compliance with an order for support.
- ◆ Cardiopulmonary physical therapists were the first practitioners to be certified through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) in 1985.
- ◆ Physical Therapists have an international voice through the World Confederation of Physical Therapy as members of APTA.
- ◆ American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates just adopted a new Code of Ethics which will become effective in July 2010.
- ◆ A physical therapist may contribute to a comprehensive medical impairment rating by performing evaluations within the grade modifiers.
- ◆ Some Physical Therapy State Boards like Minnesota require that a physical therapist must practice so many hours each licensure period to maintain an active license.

## New Licensees

The Board is pleased to welcome 157 new licensees to the physical therapy community in Mississippi. These licensees are either 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 note worthy accomplishment. To the physical therapy practitioners who were licensed in other states, welcome to Mississippi.

### **New Graduates as of May 1, 2009**

#### **Physical Therapists:**

William C. Adams  
Lora "Nicole" N. Bass  
Lindsey A. Bellcase  
Margaret E. Bilbro  
Dwayne P. Bonvillain  
Mary Virginia Bost  
James R. Burns  
Jordan C. Corbello  
Stephanie R. Dillon  
Alyssa A. Doner  
Reid D. Draper  
Joshua D. Duckworth  
Michael W. Duckworth  
Cassie H. Edwards  
Stephanie H. Elkins  
Kathryn "Sloane" P. Fair  
Rollin C. Fair  
Alisha H. Farrish  
Lindsey A. Fyke  
Emily L. Gilliland  
Melanie P. Grafton  
Sara B. Greer  
Ryan H. Harrell  
Bethany A. Harris  
Jason C. Holladay  
Mary Ann Hooser  
Angela "Angie" M. Hoover  
Casey C. Hutchins  
Bradford E. Hutto  
Alan G. Jensen II  
Leslie H. Johnston  
Stephen D. Kay  
Brian C. Kirby  
Courtney H. Kirkland  
Christine M. Kowalchuk  
William B. Kurts  
Kylie M. Kurtz  
Stephanie A. Labella  
Kristin Z. Lindley  
Elizabeth M. McAlexander  
Andrea T. McPhail  
Jessica K. Malone  
Elizabeth R. Marks  
William H. Martin  
Emily M. Mettlach  
Mary M. Montgomery  
Jennifer K. Moore  
Jonathan W. Moran  
Jennifer L. Nicholson  
Tan H. Nguyen  
Boon S. Ong  
Joshua D. Pounders  
Adam G. Richardson

Jonathan W. Rosamond  
Sarah M. Rust  
Rachel W. Segars  
Carolyn B. Shepard  
Candace M. Smith  
Rashad Smith  
Jason M. Spencer  
Tamarian D. Strong  
Hannah L. Taylor  
Emily P. Troxler  
Michael J. Turner  
Brian V. Wallace  
Kristen L. Wallace  
Merry Claire B. Wardlaw  
Meredith G. Warf  
Tricia K. Williams

#### **Physical Therapist Assistants:**

Julia M. Ainsworth  
Chasity R. Beckham  
Brittani E. Boatwright  
Morgan L. Boone  
Ashley S. Bruce  
Kelly M. Burch  
Steven A. Burch  
Natasha M. Casely-Hayford  
Christie A. Craft  
Hannah L. Causey  
Adam K. Disbrow  
Dana M. Duckworth  
Kenneth L. Dukes  
Briana A. Easley  
Tamelia L. Feazell  
Penny L. Fernandez  
Mindy W. Granger  
Amber N. Hammond  
Leslie B. Harrington  
Callie E. Howell  
Leslie L. Jackson  
Kayla B. Jacoby  
Andrew G. Landry  
Kelly J. LePage  
Kristopher L. McClellan  
Stephanie L. McLarty  
Keli M. McMahan  
Lilly B. McMillen  
Alysha M. Mallard  
LaToria R. Millsap  
Calren "Cally" S. Moore  
Timothy B. Murphree  
Teri A. Purvis  
Casey L. Rhodes  
Amber L. Rutherford  
Kimberly J. Shackelford  
Natalie R. Sharp  
Erica L. Shaw  
Christine R. Slay

Brian D. Smith  
Christopher R. Smith  
Amber N. Spence  
Jessica J. Stanley  
Ralph D. Thibodeaux  
Summer D. Thomann  
Alyssa M. Townsend  
Ashley L. Wallace  
Lindsey M. Warren  
Brandi N. Washington  
Joshua D. Waters  
Brandi H. Williams  
Lauren E. Worrell

### **Physical Therapy Practitioners from other states or reinstatement of license as of May 1, 2009**

#### **Physical Therapists:**

Lauren M. Adams  
Julianne S. Bell  
Craig M. Brannan  
Shaun W. Buning  
John W. Chandler  
Sarah E. Corrigan  
Sheena M. Fanton  
James P. Finton  
Kelli C. Ford  
Patricia E. Gaude  
Jane B. Hale  
Christal A. Harwell-Mostert  
Karen L. Hilton  
Melissa D. Leonard  
Michelle S. Lollar  
Anthony P. Miller  
Emily L. Nunnally  
Stephanie N. Peiffer  
Rhonda M. Pierce  
Adam B. Risinger  
Jodi E. Roberts  
Gail C. Stewart  
Tiffany D. Stewart  
Angela D. Williams

#### **Physical Therapist Assistants:**

Andrea K. Alley  
Angela B. Anders  
Renee A. Blaise  
Jodi J. Boss  
Barry P. Buchignani  
Arthur L. Colston  
Holly S. Donnell  
Jamie L. Landry  
Wesley M. Liles  
Janet M. McDonald  
Amber D. Mixon  
Jayshree J. Patel

## Non-Renewed licenses for persons whose surnames begin with A-L or whose license expires in odd-numbered years (2009).

The following licensees did not renew their licenses and cannot practice physical therapy in the State of Mississippi as of July 1, 2009. Some licenses may have been reinstated since this newsletter went to press. Check the license verification at [www.msbt.state.ms.us](http://www.msbt.state.ms.us) for any updates.

### Physical Therapists:

PT 3793 Stutee R. Amin  
PT 3051 Sharon R. Arnold  
PT 3095 Mark J. Bartkowski  
PT 1121 Diana E. Bateson  
PT 3413 Denise A. Baudo  
PT 2289 Mark A. Belcher  
PT 3987 Allyson K. Bowman  
PT 0623 Cathy L. Braswell  
PT 3855 Donovan D. Brooks  
PT 3876 Roger D. Broome  
PT 4320 Robyn B. Brulatour  
PT 4092 Yolanda Bufford  
PT 4396 Timothy C. Byrd  
PT 0993 Aloysius T. Cabatingan  
PT 3690 Michael P. Calandrillo  
PT 4175 Pedro L. Camargo  
PT 1849 Shelley D. Cameron  
PT 2457 Tamara A. Campbell  
PT 0894 Michelle M. Carr  
PT 0236 Rebecca R. Caruthers  
PT 4108 Emily L. Casey  
PT 4298 Stephanie P. Childs  
PT 1313 David L. Cissel  
PT 3459 Chesson P. Clement  
PT 1771 Amanda K. Cox  
PT 0448 Cynthia P. Elliott  
PT 4307 Jennifer J. Fagen  
PT 2920 Gwen S. Fassbender  
PT 0036 Elliott T. Fleming  
PT 3640 Kendrick J. Gailles  
PT 2828 Shannon C. Gavin  
PT 4016 Nancy R. George  
PT 4246 Tammy M. Gilbert

PT 2012 Victoria H. Golladay  
PT 0938 Richard A. Imhoff  
PT 3674 Christopher Ingram, Jr.  
PT 4243 Kentry M. Jones  
PT 3960 Tamara L. Jones  
PT 4122 Thomas E. Kolman, Jr.  
PT 0843 Timothy J. Kruchowsky  
PT 3316 Christopher R. Laird  
PT 0294 Carol Lewando  
PT 3546 Hope L. Lutter

### Physical Therapist Assistants:

PTA4411 Erik L. Anderson  
PTA3365 Michelle A. Batie  
PTA3461 Jane K. Blair  
PTA4267 Steven C. Bonham  
PTA4102 Mallory J. Boozer  
PTA4137 Melissa A. Bruce  
PTA4194 Sean F. Cady  
PTA2517 Kendra A. Deberry  
PTA2911 Beverly L. Dexter  
PTA2263 Bernita Dixon  
PTA4266 Jeremy B. Evans  
PTA3444 Chad E. Fisher  
PTA3442 Suzanne E. Graham  
PTA4361 Susan L. Harrell  
PTA4317 Stephanie J. Hoerler  
PTA4372 Emily M. Hudson  
PTA3494 Tara L. Ingley  
PTA3514 Kenneth A. Jenkins, II  
PTA4163 Elizabeth A. Johnson  
PTA4466 Twyona G. Lauderdale  
PTA4191 Thomas A. Lofton  
PTA3667 Leslie C. Loveless

## Impairment Ratings

Some questions and concerns about the Board's opinion on physical therapists' ability to do impairment ratings have been expressed by licensees. To further clarify the Board position on the matter, please note the following information:

In Mississippi impairment ratings are done usually for medical legal purposes using the AMA Guides to Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Sixth Edition. While a functional capacity evaluation is a test that is done to identify safe physiologic limits for patients with musculoskeletal or neurologic problems. It is important to recognize that these two entities are entirely separate. The results of an impairment rating may have no bearing on a functional capacity evaluation and conversely, the results of a functional capacity evaluation may have no bearing on impairment rating. The functional capacity evaluation is not required for determining an impairment rating. However, the Board's opinion in no way limits physical therapists from performing the functional capacity evaluation to delineate restrictions or providing data that the physician may use in determining a medical impairment rating.

The steps a physician uses to determine an impairment rating include first and most importantly the determination of an accurate medical diagnosis. Second, there are grade modifiers, which are then used to further quantify the impairment rating. One of those grade modifiers is interpretation of radiologic data. Impairment rating also can require the interpretation of medical data involving multiple medical systems, including pulmonary function tests, cardiac evaluations, et cetera. It is the opinion of the Board that both the making of a medical diagnosis, as well as interpretation of x-rays, MRI's, myelograms, et cetera, is outside the scope of practice of physical therapy. However, the physical therapist is qualified to read and interpret reports performed by a qualified radiologist and or physician that are being used to perform impairment ratings as they relate to the practice of physical therapy.

The most common impairment ratings done are those for the spine. Physical therapists have previously done impairment ratings for the spine based on a range of motion model that was available in previous editions of the AMA Guides. The State of Mississippi now mandates the use of the Sixth Edition for impairment ratings which has removed the range of motion model as an avenue for arriving upon an impairment rating for the spine. The impairment rating now is predicated on diagnoses as well as grade modifiers including radiologic data. However, there are other grade modifiers as well. They include 1) Functional History Adjustment factors that involves the use and interpretation of a functional assessment outcome questionnaire (PDQ for the spine, Quick DASH for the upper extremity). 2) Physical Examination Adjustment which may include performance of the straight leg raise test, Spurling's evaluation of motor strength, measurement of extremity atrophy, palpatory findings, assessment of clicking with joint movement and range of motion. All of these assessments used as grade modifiers are within the physical therapist scope of practice.

In summary the physical therapist may gather some of the data required for a thorough assessment, but may not independently perform a medical impairment rating.

## Announcements

### Deaths:

The physical therapy community is saddened by the deaths of Debra Partin, PT and Mark Belcher, PT. Debra Partin was licensed for 23 years and Mark Belcher was licensed for 12 years.

Please notify the Board if you are aware of the death of any other licensee's so that the physical therapy community can pay the proper respect.

### Congratulations:

Congratulations are in order to Board member, SuAnn Poole, PTA and her husband on the birth of their daughter in August.