

FINDING OF IMMINENT PERIL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE

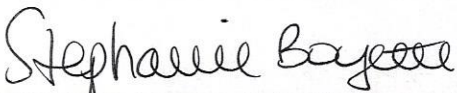
The Mississippi Legislature enacted the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (Compact), Section 73-23-101, “to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services”. The Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy retains regulatory authority over physical therapy services offered in Mississippi through the Compact. Section 3(A)(5) of the Compact specifically provides that to participate in the Compact, a state must, among other things, comply with the rules of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission (Commission). The Commission is a nationally administrative body whose membership consist of all states that have enacted the Compact.

The Compact became effective in Mississippi on July 1, 2017. However, it could not be implemented until the State adopted rules of the Commission. The Commission adopted rules in November 2017. Therefore, it is necessary that revisions to Part 3103 Rules 1.3 through 1.10 and Rule 10.2 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations be made effective immediately for the implementation of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact law and to improve access to physical therapy services.

For the foregoing reasons and pursuant to Sections 25-43-3.108 and 25-43-3.113 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the attached Part 3103 Rule 1.3 through 1.10 and Rule 10.2 shall be effective immediately upon its filing with the Mississippi Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until the earlier of the following: (a) 120 days after the effective date of its adoption as an emergency rule or (b) the effective date of the final Part 3103 Rules 1.3 through 1.10 and Rules 10.2 adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy.

ADOPTED BY:

Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy

 5/7/18

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