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Word from Board Chair

Physical Therapy Compact Licensure

An innovation is coming to physical therapy practitioners in Mississippi and surrounding states. A few weeks ago Governor Phil Bryant signed the Physical Therapy Compact Licensure Act (PTCLA) enacted by the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives during the current legislative session. This bill was a joint initiative between the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association and the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy. Huge thanks go to the MPTA's legislative affairs committee, Carmen Oguz and Matt Huey. Josh Fairley, MPTA President, and lobbyist Steve Corbitt were key players as well. The joint support of both organizations ensured that legislators and governor received a consistent message and were convinced that this plan was the right one for the practitioners and patients of the State of Mississippi. In addition, Mississippi was one of the first 10 states to adopt the PTCLA. Being an early adopter guarantees our Board a seat on the Compact Commission, which will write and adopt the rules, regulations, policies and procedures that will govern all state boards participating in the Licensure Compact.

What is the PT Compact Licensure Law? This legislation will allow Mississippi to participate in a process that allows PT practitioners to practice across state lines. The simplest example of a licensure compact is the driver's license. Once a driver is licensed in one state, the license is portable from state to state, and allows the driver the privilege of driving in multiple states. Under the PTCLA, once the licensee achieves initial licensure, they may apply for a privilege to practice in any state that has enacted the legislation. The acquisition of the privilege to practice allows the Board to track what practitioners are practicing in Mississippi. The privilege to practice application process is still under development but will be substantially less cumbersome than the licensure process.

What benefits does the Compact Provide? The compact removes barriers to licensure and increases portability of the PT License. It will help therapists practicing in areas bordering other states to practice across state lines without completing the entire licensure process. Each licensee will be licensed in their own state and will need to only apply for a privilege to practice in other states. It opens the door for telehealth practice where the patient and therapist may be in different states. It allows military personnel and their spouses a quicker path to licensure when they are reassigned to another post.

Your Mississippi Board continues to move the state forward to provide optimal conditions for physical therapy practitioners and consumers. We look forward to participating in the Compact Commission to develop the process further. If you would like to read more about the Compact and its provisions, please visit <http://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResoucers/Compact>.

Cyndi K. Scott, PT, PhD, MBA

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!**

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ There are 1,973 physical therapists and 1,195 physical therapist assistants with active Mississippi licenses as of March 28, 2017.
- ❖ The next scheduled Board meeting is April 26, 2017. This meeting is open to the public.
- ❖ There are 113 physical therapists approved to perform dry needling in Mississippi. This list can be found at www.msbpt.ms.gov then click on dry needling.
- ❖ The Board office will be closed April 24, 2017 for a legal state holiday.
- ❖ The Board office will be closed May 29, 2017 for a legal state holiday.
- ❖ You are required to accrue 30 hours of continuing competence (CC) each licensure period, including 3 hours of ethics. All CC hours must be recorded along with evidence of compliance at <https://pt.fsbpt.net/aPTitude>. For assistance with your aPTitude account, email aPTitudeHelp@fsbpt.org or by telephone at (703) 299-3100, option 5.
- ❖ Changing your employment address is as important as changing your mailing address. You can update your change of address/employment by logging into your profile. The address must be a complete address with telephone number. Please be reminded that keeping your mailing address and employment information current is a regulation.
- ❖ The office does not have petty cash onsite.
- ❖ The Board does not accept courses approved by other state licensing boards.

BOARD NEWS

New Board Appointments

Governor Phil Bryant has announced one new appointment and one reappointment to the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy. The Board is pleased to welcome Shannon Singletary, DPT, who is representing the 1st Congressional District, and Deborah McDonald, DPT, who has been reappointed to represent the 2nd Congressional District.

Shannon Singletary, a physical therapist from Oxford, is a 1997 graduate of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and is currently employed by the University of Mississippi Athletic Department as the Senior Associate Athletic Director – Sports Medicine/Strength and Conditioning. As an appointee of Governor Haley Barbour, he first served as a Board member from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2015. We welcome Shannon back to the Board.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to continue working with Deborah McDonald due to her reappointment by the Governor for a 2nd term beginning July 1, 2017. Ms. McDonald is employed with St. Dominic Hospital as Assistant Director of Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation. She serves as treasurer of the Board and takes that responsibility very seriously. She is a committed professional whose thoughtful opinions are highly respected by other Board members.

New Licensees

The Board is pleased to welcome 33 new licensees to the physical therapy community in Mississippi. These licenses have been issued since the winter 2016 newsletter. Welcome to the physical therapy practitioner community in Mississippi!!

Physical Therapists:

Blair, Margaret Allyson
Camoratto, Joseph Peter
Castleberry, Travis W.
De La Silva, Bryan Kristopher G.
Droste, Peter R.
Everett, Ashley E.
Fell, Michelle L.
Jimerson, Shanna A.
Logan, Meagan N.
Marrast Beres Jeff
Martin, Olivia Carley
Mavrakos, Paul Anthony
McVicker, Elizabeth M.
Repato, Joyce Kristine S.

Roxas, Alyssa Mae F.
Todd, Lawren E.
Watson, Deborah Mazanck
Wofford, Dorothy B.

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Bean, Santana L.
Golembiewski, Cynthia D.
Gruber, Heatherlynn W.
Jackson, Shannon M.
LaRocque, Ashley A.
Lockett, Jacob W.
Nyberg, Geoffrey Scott
Reilly, Sarah E.
Tremain, Katrisha A.

Webster, Derek Tyler
Word, Jason Floyd

Physical therapy practitioners who have reinstated their license since the winter 2016 newsletter.

Physical Therapists:

Moore, Adam M.
Plunkett, Heather H.
Smelser, Joe H.

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Roy, Christopher R.

Renewal Options and Reminders

The Board suggests that you keep the following information in mind when renewing your license:

ONLINE RENEWAL IS NOW MANDATORY!! PAPER RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. THE ONLINE APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO EARLIER THAN MAY 1st!!!

Address Changes: **Have you moved or had a change in employment? Did you notify the Board office in writing of the change?** The Board will mail renewal notices approximately sixty (60) days prior to the end of the licensure period. This means the notice will be mailed prior to May 1, 2017 to the last home address on file with the Board. Please notify the Board immediately by logging into your online profile and making address and employment changes yourself; or, you may email, fax, or mail your changes in information. Refer to Part 3103 Rule 1.8 of the regulations.

Completion of renewal application: You should verify that you have answered every question, including updating any changes to your personal and professional addresses and telephone numbers and that you have listed all continuing competence (CC) courses. The entire address (name, address, city, state, zip and telephone number) for both home and employment should be included in completing your renewal application. The information requested is pertinent for Board use, and your renewal will not be completed until you have provided this information.

Photo Required: If you do not have a photo in your profile or if your photo is older than four (4) years, you will be instructed to upload a new photo before the **RED** renewal button will be displayed. The photo must be an approximate size of 2x2 inches, head and shoulder only, full face, front view, in color on a plain white background, standard photo stock paper. Scanned or computer-generated photographs must be printed on photo quality paper and must have no visible pixels or dots. Photos can be uploaded to the licensee's profile or the photos (in jpeg format) can be emailed to sboyette@msbpt.ms.gov or mailed into the Board office. As an alternative to scanning an actual photo, you may have someone make a photo of you with your smart phone or make a selfie and upload it from your phone to your profile. Refer to Part 3103 Rule 4.1.3.

Photo that will not be accepted include: 1) photo that includes anyone besides you; 2) no sunglasses, hat or cap; 3) copy of a photograph; 4) driver's license photo and/or picture identification.

Renewal Fee: The renewal fee is \$150.00 for physical therapists and \$125.00 for physical therapist assistants. Online renewal requires payment by a credit card or electronic check.

Continuing Competence: List all approved CC courses in the Education tab in your profile. You will select the button labeled view/update current CCU hours. **If you are selected for CC random audit, you will see a message in red that "you have been randomly selected for CC audit" on the payment screen.** You will also receive an email notification. Since CC documentation is part of the renewal process, you will not receive your new seal and identification card until you meet the requirements of random audits. If your certificates are not received by June 30, 2017, you will be placed on CC probation. All physical therapists and physical therapist assistants need to be aware that the Board can request to see your continuing competence certificates at any time.

Mandatory CC Compliance: All licensees must record and report compliance of continuing competence activities through the free online aPTitude program of the FSBPT at <https://pt.fsbpt.net/aPTitude>. For assistance with your aPTitude account, email aPTitudeHelp@fsbpt.org or by telephone at (703) 299-3100, option 5. Refer to Part 3103 Rule 5.5.

Currently on CC Probation: Those licensees that are currently on CC probation will be able to renew online, but the renewal process will not be complete until documentation of all CCs under your probationary requirement has been received and reviewed. Please note that your expiration date will not change until this review has occurred. Refer to Part 3103 Rule 5.2(6).

Change of name: If you are requesting a change of name, a copy of a legal document must accompany the name change request. Legal documents consist of a copy of your marriage license, divorce decree, social security card or driver's license.

Renewal Options and Reminders ...continued

Be on Time: It is in your best interest to submit the online renewal prior to June 30, 2017 to avoid late and reinstatement fees. Renewals completed in their entirety should have their new identification card and licensure seal before the end of the licensure period. All licensees will be able to review their expiration date in their profile, and the new date is immediately available for verification. The Board staff cannot guarantee that renewals received after June 12, 2017 will be processed in time for licensees to receive confirmation of renewal in the mail prior to June 30, 2017. Remember... employers should not let you work until your new renewal licensure information has been received.

Verify receipt of renewal: Upon completion of the online renewal payment process, you will have the opportunity to print a receipt of payment and proof of renewal having been received. If you do not print the receipt at that time, you can go to the payment tab in your profile and print proof of payment.

Failure to renew before the deadline: A licensee who does not file all requirements for renewal before the end of the licensure period will be deemed to have allowed his/her license to lapse. Those individuals whose licenses expire will be required to pay the late fee in addition to the renewal fee. Failure to submit all renewal requirements by September 30 shall result in the necessity of the payment of a reinstatement fee in addition to the late fee and renewal fee. Refer to Part 3103 Rule 4.3 of the regulations. Remember...you may not practice as a physical therapist or as a physical therapist assistant until your license has been reinstated. Practicing with a lapsed license could result in disciplinary action by the Board.

SPECIAL REQUEST: During renewal period, May 1-June 30, the Board office is extremely busy with processing renewals. At the same time we have all of the graduating physical therapists and physical therapist assistants applying for licensure and meeting deadlines for taking the NPTE. We are asking that you **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CALLING THE BOARD OFFICE TO VERIFY THAT A CONTINUING COMPETENCE COURSE/ACTIVITY IS APPROVED.** If you need to check the approval of a continuing competence course, please go to the Continuing Competence page on the website and follow the INSTRUCTIONS that are posted there concerning CC APPROVAL. The link you need to select is: **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CCU APPROVAL.** The Board staff thanks you for helping us process renewals and graduate applications in a timely manner.



COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN 2016

Complaints received: 23

Physical Therapists – 11

Physical Therapist Assistants – 9

Non Physical Therapy Practitioners – 3

Disposition of complaints:

12 closed – no action/violations

2 Board hearings

9 pending investigation

2 issued Stipulation and Consent Order

PHYSICAL THERAPY SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

Anyone interested in applying for a physical therapy (PT) specialty license plate can go to the following link: <http://www.mspta.org/news/order-a-mississippi-physical-therapy-specialty-license-plate/>. The plates are not only for PTs and PTAs but anyone who has benefited from or supports the profession.

You must download and complete the application and mail it along with a check for \$31.00 made payable to MPTA. The application and check should be sent to MPTA, 1111 N Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Three hundred (300) tags must be pre-sold before the Department of Revenue (DOR) will begin production on a particular distinctive tag. When the DOR receives the 300 applications and the appropriate fees, the tag is sent for manufacturing. The applicant is notified by the organization (MPTA) responsible for this particular tag when his/her tag may be picked up at the tax collector in his/her county of residence. The tax collector's offices will have a list provided by the DOR of the people who have already paid their fees and are entitled to one of the first 300 tags. The applicant should pick up his/her tag as soon as he/she is notified that the tag is available at the tax collector's office. Sixty (60) days are allowed from the time the MPTA is notified by the DOR for the vehicle owner to pick up the license plate. If the applicant chooses to wait more than 60 days to pick up his/her tag, the special tag fee must be paid again at the time the special tag is picked up.

If you have questions about the specialty license plate, please contact Anne Harding at (800) 765-7848 ext. 7120

Provided by MPTA



ATTENTION

Look what's available on our website at www.msbt.ms.gov. Please visit the website frequently for updated information.

You can find:

- Application packet
- Continuing Competence – approved courses are available for review
- Consumer Awareness & Protection
- Current Board members
- Dry Needling requirements
- 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

RANDOM AUDITS

The Board is authorized by state statute to enter and make inspections of any place where physical therapy is practiced. Accordingly, the Board through its agents continues random inspections and audits to determine if licensees are in compliance with the Board regulations. During the second, third, and fourth quarter of 2016, the following licensees were cited by the Board:

Wesley M. Liles, PTA Failing to have a current license identification card on premises.

If licensees cannot locate their current licensure certificate and/or licensure identification card, they may want to purchase the documents from the Board office. A second inspection for licensees who are not in compliance may be required in the near future.

The Board is authorized to impose a monetary sanction of not less than \$100.00 or not more than \$500.00 for the first violation.

The Board expresses its thanks for the courteous cooperation received by its inspectors at the majority of the sites visited. The Board is also pleased that several sites seemed to be in full compliance with physical therapy laws and regulations. Keep up the good work.

Random Audits:

During the second, third, and fourth quarter of 2016, the following practitioners were inspected and audited. The Board is happy to announce their compliance.

Maxie S. Manning, PT.....	In compliance	James R Burns, PT.....	In compliance
Robert C. Hudson, PT.....	In compliance	Amber N. Spence, PTA.....	In compliance
Brandie D. Bennett, PT.....	In compliance	William T. Cochran, Jr., PT	In compliance
Jessica P. Boutwell, PTA	In compliance	Joseph J. Bridges, PTA	In compliance
Chelsea L. Kitchens, PTA.....	In compliance	Paige L. King, PTA.....	In compliance
Ryan W. Henderson, PT.....	In compliance	Kacee L. Parker, PTA	In compliance
Charles M. Williamson, PT	In compliance	Craig M. Morris, PTA.....	In compliance
Kimberly C. Nixon, PT.....	In compliance	Kristy C. Knight, PTA	In compliance
Jeremy A. Bennett, PT	In compliance	Robert Q. Sirmon, PT	In compliance
Tiffany J. Smith, PTA	In compliance	Stephen A. Worrell, Jr., PT	In compliance
Douglas E. Peterman, PT.....	In compliance	Austin W. Smithers, PT	In compliance



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Change of Home Address, Worksite or Name

It is the responsibility of licensees to provide the Board with written notification of address changes (home and/or work) no later than 30 days after such change is effective according to Part 3103 Rule 1.8. 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 # _____

FORMER NAME _____

FORMER ADDRESS (City, State, Zip) _____ COUNTY _____

NEW ADDRESS (City, State, Zip) _____ COUNTY _____

() _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FORMER EMPLOYER: _____

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) 352-2920.