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Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) was held in San Diego, California on October 1, through October 4, 2009. Continuing competence was the big topic this year. The FSBPT is developing a continuing competence initiative for use by state licensing boards in assessing the competence of licensees throughout their work life. Continuing education is not necessarily a good mechanism for assuring competence. The purpose is not to throw out continuing education but to figure out how it fits into a model for continued competence.

The Federation's 2000 Continuing Competence Task Force developed the following definition which was reviewed in 2006 and remains unchanged:

Continuing competence is the ongoing application of professional knowledge, skills and abilities, which relate to the occupational performance objectives in a range of possible encounters that is defined by the individual scope of practice and practice setting.

Visit the FSBPT website at www.fsbpt.org for more detailed information.

Board of Physical Therapy 2010 Board Meeting Schedule

May 14, 2010
August 20, 2010
November 19, 2010

Filing a Complaint

While the Department of Health hopes that you will never have to file a complaint against a health care practitioner, doing so is a simple matter. You may contact the Complaint Division of the Department of Health at 1-800-852-2187 to request a complaint form.

The form must be completed in its entirety. All materials received in connection with the complaint will become property of the Department of Health and cannot be returned. Please return the complaint to:

Office of Investigations
227 French Landing, Suite 201
Heritage Place Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

ETHICS AND JURISPRUDENCE COURSES

You can view the Ethics and Jurisprudence courses that the Board has approved on the website at <http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/PT/continuing.htm>

Rule 1150-1-12 (4), Four (4) of the hours required in parts (3) (a) 1. must be ethics and jurisprudence education courses. These four (4) hours are required every other two (2) calendar year period, which means they are to be obtained every four (4) years.

American Physical Therapy Association

CODE OF ETHICS

August 2009 APTA amended the Code of Ethics language which will be effective July 2010.

The Code of Ethics adopted by the Board of Physical Therapy can be viewed at: <http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/PT/index.htm>

CHANGE OF NAME

Rule 1150-1-.17(2) Change of Name. An individual registered with the Board shall notify the Board in writing within thirty (30) days of a name change. The notice shall provide both the old and new name, a notarized photocopy of the official document involved, and must reference the individual's profession and license number.

DUPLICATE (REPLACEMENT) LICENSE

Rule 1150-1-.16 (1) & (2) Duplicate Replacement License. A license holder whose "artistically designed" license and the renewal certificate has been lost or destroyed may be issued a new license or certificate upon receipt of a written

request in the Board's administrative office. Such request shall be accompanied
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by an affidavit (signed and notarized) stating the facts concerning the loss or destruction of the original document, accompanied by a recent photograph, signed and notarized, and the required fee pursuant to Rule 1150-1-.06, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each.

Continuing Education Audit January 2009 thru June 2009

Physical Therapist

Licensees Audited – 47
Licensees Compliance – 44
Licensees Non Compliance – 3

Physical Therapy Assistants

Licensees Audited – 28
Licensees Compliance – 21
Licensees Non Compliance - 7

Statistical Licensure Status Report As of November 30, 2009

Physical Therapists

Active – 4169

Physical Therapy Assistants

Active – 2557

CHANGE OF MAILING & WORK ADDRESS

Rule 1150-1-.17(1) Change of Address. Each person holding a license who has had a change of address for home or place of employment, shall file in writing with the Board the current address. Such requests shall be sent to the Board's administrative office no later than thirty (30) days after such change is effective and must reference the individual's name, profession, and license number. A form is available on the Board's website at: <http://health.state.tn.us/Downloads/g6099194.pdf>

Continuing Competence Requirements

All continuing competence hours are required every two (2) years and must be obtained by December 31, prior to your renewal year. Your Ethics and Jurisprudence hours are due every four (4) years.

Thirty (30) hours are required for physical therapist and twenty hours are required for physical therapist assistants.

RENEWALS

Renewals are mailed out from the administrative office six weeks prior to the licensee's expiration date. You must make sure the administrative office has your correct mailing address in order to receive all important information from this office regarding your license in a timely manner.

If you no longer want to renew your license you must submit a notarized Affidavit of Retirement form to this office before your expiration date. The form can be down loaded from the website at:

www.tennessee.gov/health/pt/applications.htm

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