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BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Cynthia R. Jagers, LMT – Chattanooga, TN
Pamela Edmond, Public Member - Dickson, TN

RULE CHANGES IN EFFECT

The following is a summary of recent rule changes effective 06/23/2009:

- Redefines a reinspection fee as a nonrefundable fee to be paid by an establishment when an establishment does not pass inspection, fails to schedule an inspection, does not appear for a scheduled inspection, or moves to a new location requiring an inspection of the new establishment.
- Adds definition of a continuing education course approval fee as a nonrefundable fee to be paid by a continuing education course provider upon the submission of a continuing education curriculum to be approved by the Board each continuing education cycle.
- Revises fee schedule as follows:

Total initial application fees for
Massage Therapist: \$280.00

Total initial application fees for
Massage Establishment: \$225.00

Total licensure renewal fees for
Massage Therapist: \$195.00

Total licensure renewal fees for
Massage Establishment: \$145.00

Reinspection fee due to a failed
inspection or a failure to allow or
appear for inspection: \$110.00

Reinspection fee due to a change of
address because of moving to a new
location: \$135.00

Continuing education course approval
fee (per course): \$100.00

- Clarifies that providers of courses pertaining to federal and Tennessee statutes must disseminate accurate and current information in compliance with rules and must submit the continuing education course approval fee.
- Establishes and defines fee types for approval of new massage therapy programs; annual program renewal fees; existing program registration fees; late renewal fees for programs failing to submit the required annual report; a replacement certificate fee; and a remedial application fee.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following is a summary of bills relative to the practice of massage therapy in the state of Tennessee:

Public Acts 2009

Public Chapter 513

This public chapter requires the Department of Health to undertake a statewide campaign to remind all health care providers of their duty to report domestic abuse. Any licensed health care practitioner who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a patient's injuries, whether or not such injuries cause a patient's death, are the result of domestic violence or domestic abuse, shall report to the Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics, on a monthly basis. Health care practitioners, in active status, can report suspected domestic abuse via the Domestic Violence Reporting System. Note: The name of the victim of domestic violence is never reported! **If you are a health care practitioner, in active status, and would like instructions on how to make a report please call (615)741-1954 or e-mail Domestic.Violence.Health@tn.gov**

This bill became effective on July 1, 2009.

Public Chapter 581

This public chapter provides that a person licensed by any of the health related boards who provides voluntary health care services to a patient of a sponsoring organization shall not be civilly liable for any act or omission in rendering these services, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence of willful misconduct.

This bill became effective on July 1, 2009.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

A massage therapist licensed in Tennessee must obtain twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education during each two (2) year continuing education cycle. Two (2) hours of the twenty-five (25) hour requirement shall pertain to federal and Tennessee statutes and rules concerning massage therapists and establishments. Two (2) hours of the twenty-five (25) hour requirement shall pertain to practice management, or to professional ethics, or to substance abuse. Non-compliant licensees are subject to Board discipline which includes a one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150.00) civil penalty, a requirement to make up the delinquent hours, plus an additional six (6) hours.

CONSUMER RIGHT-TO-KNOW

The Health Care Consumer Right-to-Know Act of 1998, T.C.A. § 63-51-101 et seq., requires massage therapists to submit information regarding details of their training, specialty certification and practice prior to licensure and/or renewal of licensure. Licensees who have submitted information are required to update that information in writing by notifying the Department of Health, Healthcare Provider Information Unit, within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of an event or the attainment of a status that is required to be reported. Failure to comply with the requirement to update profiling information constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against your license. For information on updating your practitioner profile, please visit our web site at:

<http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/index.htm>

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