

# Board of Physical Therapy



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The mission of the Department of Health is to promote, protect, and improve the health of persons living in, working in, or visiting the state of Tennessee.

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## **NEW CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS**

**On November 17, 2010, the revised Continuing Competence rules became effective. They are as follows:**

Rule 1150-01-.12 (1) **(a) Physical Therapy** - Thirty (30) hours are required for the twenty-four (24) months that precede the licensure renewal month, **(b) Physical Therapist Assistant** - Twenty (20) hours are required for the twenty-four months that precede the licensure renewal month.

The two (2) hours of ethics and two (2) hours of jurisprudence are required every other twenty-four (24) month Period.

You may view the Board approved Ethics and Jurisprudence courses at the Board's web site at:

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

You may view the complete rules at the board's website:

<http://tennessee.gov/sos/rules/1150/1150-01.20091223.pdf>

## **REPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Tennessee Domestic Violence Public Chapter No. 83 requires health care Board of Physical Therapy Newsletter

practitioners to report suspected domestic abuse to the Department of Health, Division of Health Statistics. health care practitioners, in active status, can report suspected domestic abuse via this website:

[DomesticViolence.Health@state.tn.us](mailto:DomesticViolence.Health@state.tn.us) or contact the office at (615) 741-1954

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1084**

### **Background Checks Required To Provide Patient Care**

Before any person who will be providing direct patient care is hired, health care facilities and individual health professionals are required by law to conduct background checks using the state sex offenders registry, the state abuse registry and the abuse registries for states in which the prospective employee has lived in the previous 7 years, according to Public Chapter 1084, or Tenn. Code Ann. Sec. 63-1-149.

Links to the following can be found at the Department of Health website

Tennessee Sex Offender Registry

National Sex Offender Registry

Tennessee Abuse Registry

Other Abuse Registries

## **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**

## **PRACTITIONER PROFILES**

The Health Care Consumer Right-to-Know Act of 1998, T.C.A. § 63-51-101 et seq, requires designated licensed health professionals to furnish certain information to the Tennessee Department of Health. The information for public dissemination includes: (1) A description of any criminal convictions for felonies within the most recent ten (10) years. (2) A description of any final disciplinary actions of licensing boards in other states within the most recent ten (10) years. (3) A description of any final disciplinary actions of licensing boards in other states within the most recent ten (10) years (4) A description of revocation or involuntary restriction of hospital privileges for reasons related to competence or character that has been take by the hospital's governing body or any other official action of the hospital after procedural due process has been afforded, or the resignation from or nonrenewal of medical staff membership or the restriction of privileges at a hospital taken in lieu of or in settlement of a pending disciplinary case related to competence or character in that hospital. Only cases which have occurred within the most recent ten (10) years shall be disclosed by the department to the public. (5) All medical malpractice court judgments, all medical malpractice arbitration awards in which a payment is awarded to a complaining party and all settlements of medical malpractice claims in which a payment is

made to a complaining party beginning with reports for 1998 and each subsequent year; provided, such reports shall not be disseminated beyond the most recent ten-year period, but shall include the most recent ten-year period for which reports have been filed. From the information submitted, the department will compile a practitioner profile which is required to be made available to the public via the World Wide Web and toll-free telephone line after May 1, 1999. **Each practitioner who has submitted information must update that information in writing by notifying the Department of Health, Healthcare Provider Information Unit, within 30 days after the occurrence of an event or an attainment of a status that is required to be reported by the law.** A copy of your initial or updated profile will be furnished to you for your review prior to publication. That opportunity will allow you to make corrections, additions and helpful explanatory comments. **Failure to comply with the requirement to submit and update profiling information constitutes a ground for disciplinary action against your license.**

A blank copy of the profile may be obtained at:

<http://health.state.tn.us/Downloads/g6019027.pdf>

## **RENEWALS REMINDER**

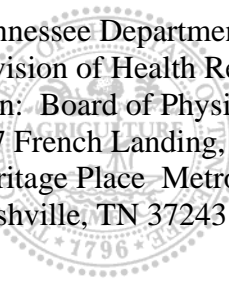
Renewals are mailed out from the administrative office six weeks prior to the licensee's expiration date. You must make sure the administrative office has your correct mailing address in order to receive all important information from this office regarding your license in a timely manner.

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 downloaded from the website at:

[www.tennessee.gov/health/pt/applications.htm](http://www.tennessee.gov/health/pt/applications.htm)

**Board of Physical Therapy  
2011 Board Meeting Schedule  
February 11, 2011  
May 6, 2011  
August 12, 2011  
November 18, 2011**

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