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# KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1993

### ARE YOU AWARE...

1) That KRS 327 does NOT require the physical therapist to have a referral to evaluate and/or treat a patient? This determination was made through a 1986 legal interpretation of the definition of physical therapy (327.010). However, 201 KAR 22:010 Section 2. requires that "...A physical therapist shall refer to a licensed physician or dentist any patient whose medical condition should, at the time of evaluation or treatment, be determined to be beyond the scope of practice of the physical therapist."

2) That the timetable for the physical therapist to perform a patient reassessment required by the Board in "201 KAR 22:053. Code of Ethical Standards and Standards of Practice For Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist's Assistants" Section 5 (3)(f)-(h) is mandatory ONLY when the physical therapist delegates treatment of the patient to the PTA or supportive personnel?

Section 6. (3) of the same regulation in defining reassessment states in part: "...If the physical therapist is treating the patient, these reports may be incorporated into the progress notes. If a physical therapist's assistant or supportive personnel are treating the patient, the report shall be a separate entry into the record."

## UPDATE CONCERNING ONGOING HIV/AIDS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### INITIAL COURSE TAKEN PRIOR TO 1993

THE NEXT STEP IS:

1) Persons who completed their initial HIV/AIDS education course prior to '93 are to complete an ADDITIONAL TWO HOUR CHR approved course before the next license renewal deadline, 03/31/95!

2) RETAIN, vs send in your course completion certificate for the TWO HOUR course. Following the 03/95 renewal period a random audit will be performed. If AUDITED you will then send in a copy of your certificate.

3) Many more of you will be able to take advantage of your facility's courses this go-round as many offer only 2 hr courses. Make sure the course is PREAPPROVED by the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, is MULTIDISCIPLINARY, appropriate for all professions regulated; or specific to physical therapy. If the course you wish to take is specific to nursing or MDs, etc ask the PROVIDER to consider expanding the intended audience and CHANGING THE APPROVAL STATUS WITH THE CHR.

4) If you live out of state, have questions concerning a course, and/or wish to take advantage of a course in your area NOT YET APPROVED by the KY Cabinet for Human Resources, submit course materials for approval to:

KENTUCKY AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
ATTENTION: SYLVIA CHERRY  
CABINET FOR HUMAN RESOURCES  
275 E MAIN STREET  
FRANKFORT, KY 40621  
502/564-6539

### 4 HOUR COURSE STILL NEEDED FOR LICENSURE APPLICANTS

1) Persons applying for Kentucky licensure continue to be required to complete a CHR approved FOUR HOUR COURSE as a condition of licensure.

2) An approved course must be completed within SIX MONTHS from the date the applicant was issued a temporary permit, or a license.

3) Must send the Board a copy of a course completion certificate unless the HIV/AIDS education was completed as part of the person's Accredited Physical Therapy Program.

### EMPLOYER/SUPERVISOR HELP NEEDED

It is an INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY to complete an appropriate course, & on time. However, the board hopes that supervisors will also monitor the progress of new licensees toward fulfilling this mandatory & not to be taken lightly obligation.

VERY REAL PROBLEMS have arisen with some PTs & PTAs failing to complete a course within six months...or at all, even though they signed an affidavit stating they would so that they could receive a license.

Reminding, tracking, nagging, and as a last resort, being required to initiate the complaint process against delinquent persons is a drain on the time, and energies of board staff, and the financial resources of the Board. Any help is appreciated!

Included with this newsletter is a list of CHR approved courses which are at least two hours in length and can be completed by persons who have already taken the initial course of four hours prior to 01/93. Not included are the many hospital/facility based courses. If you work in a hospital, check with the continuing education director in your facility to determine if they offer a multidisciplinary course of two or more hours which is CHR approved. Licensees might also consider completing one of the listed approved self study courses, or could check with your local Red Cross to see if they offer a course. 1st seek Cabinet for Human Resources approval for any course not already approved by them! Do NOT call or send materials to the Board to seek course approval.

CRITERION REFERENCED METHOD TO DETERMINE EXAMINATION PASSING  
IN PLACE, BEGINNING WITH THE JULY 21, 1993 NPTE

Following a 02/93 recommendation adopted by Member Boards of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy members approved proposed amendments to 201 KAR 22:031, Therapist's licensing procedure; and 201 KAR 22:106, Assistant's certification procedure, which provide changes from a statistical (-1.5 SD) to criterion referenced (minimal competency) method of grading the licensure examinations (NPTE). The amendments passed easily through the 120 day legal review process and became effective June 2, 1993.

Historically Kentucky and most other states utilized statistical scoring methods for the NPTE, i.e. "grade on the curve". The passing point (-1.5 SD) was called "converted 75". Recent raw score passing using STATISTICAL methods ranged from a low, 105/200 to 122/200 questions for the PT NPTE; and a low, 72/150 to 92/150 for the PTA NPTE.

In contrast, the CRITERION referenced passing point for the March 1993 exam was 141/200 the for PT NPTE and 93/150 for the PTA NPTE. Apparently three states had already made the necessary changes to implement Criterion Referenced Scoring before the March exam. The scaled score passing can also change from exam to exam depending on the difficulty of the questions a minimally competent person would answer correctly.

FSBPT Member Boards also voted to accept a recommended scoring scale range of "200-800", with passing set at "600". Therefore, the physical therapist 03/93 exam candidate who answered 141/200 questions correctly and the PTA candidate who answered 93/150 would each receive a scaled grade of "600".

Applicants for Kentucky licensure by ENDORSEMENT who take the NPTE in July '93 and thereafter must also have achieved a scaled score of at least 600 to be licensed in Kentucky. Persons examined PRIOR TO 07/93 must have achieved a score at least equal to a -1.5 SD below the national average raw score to be considered for licensure.

NEW, MAY 15, 1993 ALPHABETIC DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$15 TO THE BOARD OFFICE TO RECEIVE YOUR COPY.

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**BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

June 7, 1993.....Filing Deadline, July Exam	October 8-10 FSBPT Long Range Planning Summit...Chicago
Friday, June 18, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville	Friday, October 15, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville
Wednesday, July 21, 1993.....PT & PTA Licensure Exam	Wednesday, November 7, 1993 .....PT & PTA Licensure Exam
Friday, August 20, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville	Friday, December 17, 1993.....Board Meeting, Louisville
Monday, October 4, 1993...Filing Deadline, November Exam	

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Note: Board meeting dates are subject to change. Call 502/595-4687 in advance to confirm date if you plan to attend and if you need special accommodations.

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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF P.T. LICENSE

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ALWAYS require an individual to provide a valid Kentucky billfold license, or temporary permit (examinees) before beginning employment. As the board sometimes authorizes an individual to begin working via telephone, always remember that license status verification is only a phone call away.

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Although the greatest majority of the above listed individuals could easily reinstate their Kentucky license, some failed to renew because they had failed to honor their 6 month waiver request concerning HIV/AIDS education and a hearing was pending.