

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control \_\_\_\_\_ Department or Agency Alabama Board of Physical Therapy  
Rule No. 700-X-2-.09  
Rule Title: Renewal of License

\_\_\_\_\_ New X Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Repeal \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? \_\_\_\_\_ YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? \_\_\_\_\_ YES

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Glen A. Davis  
Date JANUARY 17, 2014

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**ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

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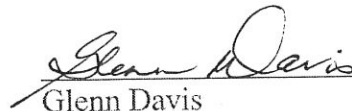
INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy proposes to amend the rule pertaining to license renewal, specifically the Continuing Education Review for Approval Process.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed amendment to rule 700-X-2-.09 will change the process and providers for review and approval of continuing education courses for license renewal.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing or in person through the close of business on March 10, 2014. Those wishing to present views in person should contact the Board of Physical Therapy at 334/242-4064.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: March 10, 2014.

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## 700-X-2-.09 Renewal Of License.

(1) Annual Renewal Required. Each license expires on October 1 of the year following its issuance.

(2) Renewal Fee Required. A renewal fee of not to exceed \$100.00 shall be required for annual renewal of license. The renewal fees shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.

(3) Continuing Education Required. Continuing education activities are required to assure continued competency of licensees and thereby public protection. Successful completion of continuing education activities shall be a requirement for the renewal of licenses. Continuing education activities shall be measured using a system of continuing competence units (CCUs). Licensees shall provide the Board with documentation of successful completion of CCUs with license renewals.

### (a) General Guidelines

1. Continuing education activities meeting the Board's requirements are activities which:

(i) Maintain, improve or expand skills or knowledge of the practice of physical therapy

(ii) Contribute to the professional competency of the licensee by means of an organized program

(iii) Pertain to common subjects related to the practice of physical therapy

(iv) Are conducted by experts in the subject matter - individuals with special education, training, and experience, and are accompanied by a paper, CD, manual or outline

(v) Have stated program goals/objectives.

2. Effective October 1, 2013 continuing education courses, other than those meeting 700-X-2-.09(3)(b)(7) through 700-X-2-.09(3)(b)(8), shall be evaluated by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) in order to meet the above stated requirements.

### (b) Requirements

1. Each physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed to practice by this Board shall complete for each compliance period, a minimum of ten (10) CCUs from courses approved by the FSBPT. October 1 through September 30 of the next year shall constitute a compliance period.

Practicing licensees who teach continuing education courses that are pre-approved by the FSBPT shall be awarded one CCU for each CCU taught.

3. Applicants who are approved for initial licensure between October 1 and December 31 are not required to accrue hours the first licensure period. New graduates will not be required to meet the continuing education requirement for one licensure period.

4. Licensees shall maintain a record of completed courses and documentation to establish the completion of those courses using an online recording and reporting system approved by the Board. Licensees shall grant the Board access to their record within the recording and reporting system for purposes of the Board verifying completion of the continuing education requirements.

5. CCUs earned by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in excess of ten (10) CCUs during a compliance period, may be carried forward into the next compliance period; but, no more than ten (10) CCUs may be carried forward.

6. Licensees shall complete at least one approved continuing education course every other year on the topic of physical therapy jurisprudence, covering both the Practice Act and the Administrative Code. PTs will be required to fulfill this requirement when renewing their license in even numbered years; PTAs will be required to fulfill this requirement when renewing their license in odd numbered years.

7. Practicing licensees who successfully complete a residency or fellowship program approved by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) shall be awarded fifteen (15) CCU for each 1,000 hours completed.

8. Practicing licensees who successfully complete a college credit course offered by a CAPTE accredited PT or PTA program shall be awarded one (1) CCU for each semester hour completed.

9. For the compliance periods ending in 2013 through 2018, practicing licensees who complete continuing education courses provided by a University/College program that has a CAPTE-accredited PT/PTA program, or an IACET approved provider, FSBPT, or components of the APTA that meet the requirements described in 700-X-2-.09(3)(a)(1)(i) through 700-X-2-.09(3)(a)(1)(v) shall be awarded one (1) CCU for each contact hour completed.

(c) Approval of courses

1. Any organization, other than those meeting 700-X-2-.09(3)(b)(7) through 700-X-2-.09(3)(b)(8), seeking approval of a continuing education activity should apply to the FSBPT for approval in advance of the commencement of the activity.

(d) Unacceptable activities for continuing education:

1. Orientation and in-service
2. Meetings for purposes of policy decisions
3. Non-educational meetings at annual conferences, chapter or organizational meetings
4. Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities
5. Committee meetings, holding office, serving as an organizational delegate
6. Visiting exhibits, poster presentations

(e) Failure to Meet Requirement

1. No license will be renewed in the absence of satisfactory evidence that the required hours have been earned.
2. The Board may consider exceptions in extenuating circumstances.

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