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The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) would like to inform you that the new Physical Therapy – General Rules are effective as of December 20, 2019. A summary of notable changes is below. The summary is not intended to provide a comprehensive listing of all changes or current requirements. Licensees should review the rules and statute for a complete understanding of all applicable requirements.

R 338.7121 Definitions: The definition of “intervention” was removed as this term was being confused with the delegation requirements that are required by statute.

R 338.7126 Training Standards for Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking: The edits to the rule specify the dates by which an applicant for licensure or renewal must complete the one-time training for identifying the victims of human trafficking.

R 338.7134 and R 338.7146 Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Examination; Eligibility; R 338.7135 and R 338.7147 Graduates of Non-accredited Postsecondary Institution; Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Examination; Eligibility: The edits to these rules eliminate language that direct an applicant to apply to the department to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) because the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) processes applications to sit for the examination based on the eligibility requirements under the rule. The edits also clarify the requirements for applicants with nonaccredited education and revise the requirements for demonstrating a working knowledge of English.

R 338.7136 and R 338.7148 Requirements for Licensure By Endorsement for a Physical Therapist and a Physical Therapist Assistant: The edits to the rule clarify that an applicant for licensure by endorsement does not need to retake the NPTE if he or she previously passed the exam and requires an applicant to pass the Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam.

R 338.7137 and R 338.7149 Requirements for Relicensure of a Physical Therapist and a Physical Therapist Assistant: The rule requires an applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years to establish good moral character. An applicant for relicensure is exempted from having to complete Professional Development Requirement (PDR) credits if he or she can demonstrate employment as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately preceding the application.

R 338.7138 Delegation of Acts, Tasks, or Functions to a Physical Therapist Assistant; Supervision of a Physical Therapist Assistant; Requirements: The definition of general supervision was removed because it was duplicative of the definition of supervision under statute.

R 338.7139 Delegation of Acts, Tasks, or Functions to a Licensed or Unlicensed Individual; Direct Supervision of a Licensed or Unlicensed Individual; Requirements: The edits to this rule clarify that the direct supervision requirements are required for acts, tasks, or functions that are delegated by the physical therapist to another licensee under the public health code who is not a physical therapist assistant.

R 338.7161 License Renewals; Requirements; Applicability: The edits to the rule clarify that an applicant for license renewal must complete the PDR credits before the license expires to prevent the practice of completing the PDR credits outside of the license term. In addition, applicants must maintain documentation of the completed PDR credits for 4 years instead of 3 years.

R 338.7163 Acceptable Professional Development Requirements Activities; Requirements; Limitations: The acceptable continuing education activities and amount of credit granted for each activity were placed in a table. Further, the edits to the rule clarify that a request for a waiver of the PDR requirements must be received by the department prior to the expiration date of the license.

A complete copy of the new rules can be found on our website at www.michigan.gov/bpl

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