MEMORANDUM

TO:    All Interested Parties
FROM:  Michigan Board of Physical Therapy
SUBJECT: New Evaluation Requirement for Foreign-Educated Applicants
DATE:  July 1, 2009

The Michigan Board of Physical Therapy adopted new Administrative Rules on May 15, 2009. Administrative Rule 338.7107(b) changes the licensure requirements for applicants who have not graduated from a physical therapy education program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Effective September 1, 2009, an applicant for a Michigan Physical Therapist license who did not graduate from a CAPTE-accredited physical therapy school must have their education evaluated using the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) course work evaluation tool.

This change in educational review requirements will apply to any individual whose application for a Michigan Physical Therapist license is received by the Board on or after September 1, 2009.

Evaluations using the FCCPT course work evaluation tool may be completed with the same companies that the Michigan Board currently utilizes for credential reviews. Those companies are:


International Education Research Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231-3665. Website: www.ierf.org, Telephone: (310) 258-9451

Licensure applicants may also have their educational credentials evaluated by FCCPT. Their contact information is: FCCPT, 124 West Street South, 3rd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Website: www.fccpt.org, Telephone: (703) 684-8406