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BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY – GENERAL RULES

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R 338.7104 Rescinded.

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R 338.7105 Rescinded.

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R 338.7106 Rescinded.

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R 338.7107 Rescinded.

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R 338.7107a Rescinded.

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R 338.7107b Rescinded.

History: 2009 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 338.7108 Rescinded.

History: 1983 AACS; 1991 AACS; 2009 AACS.

R 338.7109 Rescission.

Rule 9. R 338.1131 to R 338.1151 of the Michigan Administrative Code, appearing on pages 2469 to 2472 of the 1979 Michigan Administrative Code, are rescinded.

History: 1983 AACS.

R 338.7110 Rescinded.

History: 1991 AACS; 1995 AACS; 2009 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 338.7111 Rescinded.

History: 2009 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 338.7112 Rescinded.

History: 2009 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 338.7113 Rescinded.

History: 2009 AACS; 2010 AACS.

R 338.7114 Rescinded.

History: 2009 AACS; 2010 AACS.

PART 1. DEFINITIONS

R 338.7121 Definitions.

Rule 21. As used in these rules:

- (a) “Board” means the board of physical therapy.
- (b) “Code” means 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211.
- (c) “Department” means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (d) “Intervention” means the purposeful and skillful interaction of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant with the patient or client.
- (e) “Patient or client of record” means a patient or client who is receiving physical therapy services from a licensed physical therapist or from a licensed physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

PART 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.7122 Prescription.

Rule 22. (1) As used in these rules, a prescription is a written or electronic order for physical therapy. A prescription shall include all of the following:

- (a) The name of the patient.
- (b) The patient's medical diagnosis.
- (c) The signature of either an individual who is licensed and authorized to prescribe physical therapy in Michigan or an individual who holds the equivalent license issued by another state, as provided in section 17820(1) of the code .
- (d) The date that the prescription was written.

(2) A prescription is valid for 90 days from the date that the prescription was written unless the termination date is otherwise stated by the authorized licensee on the prescription.

History: 2010 AACCS.

R 338.7123 Rescinded.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7124 Prohibited conduct.

Rule 24. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following acts or omissions by any individual covered by these rules:

- (a) Practicing outside of the boundaries of professional competence, based on education, training, and experience.
- (b) Failing to provide or arrange for the provision or continuity of necessary physical therapy service.

(c) Engaging in harassment or unfair discrimination based on age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any basis proscribed by law.

(d) Being involved in a dual or multiple relationship with a current or former patient or client or a member of the individual's immediate family, when there is a risk of harm to, or exploitation of, the patient or client. As used in this rule, "dual or multiple relationship" means a relationship in which a licensee is in a professional role with an individual and 1 or more of the following occurs at the same time. All of the following apply:

(i) The licensee takes on a professional role even though a personal, scientific, legal, financial, or other relationship could impair the exercise of professional discretion or make the interests of a patient or client secondary to those of the licensee.

(ii) The licensee takes advantage of any professional relationship or exploits others to further his or her personal, religious, political, business, or financial interests, including inducing a patient or client to solicit business on behalf of the licensee.

(iii) The licensee solicits or engages in a sexual relationship with a current patient or client.

(iv) The licensee solicits or engages in a sexual relationship with an individual, other than a consenting adult, to whom the licensee is delegating the performance of selected acts, tasks, functions, or interventions in the treatment of a patient or client.

History: 2010 AACCS.

R 338.7125 Rescinded.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7126 Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking; requirements.

Rule 26. (1) Pursuant to section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, an individual seeking licensure or who is licensed shall complete training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets the following standards:

(a) Training content shall cover all of the following:

(i) Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in the United States.

(ii) Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings.

(iii) Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors.

(iv) Resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

(b) Acceptable providers or methods of training include any of the following:

(i) Training offered by a nationally recognized or state-recognized, health-related organization.

(ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency.

(iii) Training obtained in an educational program that has been approved by the board for initial licensure, or by a college or university.

(iv) Reading an article related to the identification of victims of human trafficking that meets the requirements of subdivision (a) of this subrule and is published in a peer review journal, health care journal, or professional or scientific journal.

(c) Acceptable modalities of training may include any of the following:

(i) Teleconference or webinar.

(ii) Online presentation.

(iii) Live presentation.

(iv) Printed or electronic media.

(2) The department may select and audit a sample of individuals and request documentation of proof of completion of training. If audited by the department, an individual shall provide an acceptable proof of completion of training, including either of the following:

(a) Proof of completion certificate issued by the training provider that includes the date, provider name, name of training, and individual's name.

(b) A self-certification statement by an individual. The certification statement shall include the individual's name and either of the following:

(i) For training completed pursuant to subrule (1)(b)(i) to (iii) of this rule, the date, training provider name, and name of training.

(ii) For training completed pursuant to subrule (1)(b)(iv) of this rule, the title of article, author, publication name of peer review journal, health care journal, or professional or scientific journal, and date, volume, and issue of publication, as applicable.

(3) Pursuant to section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, the requirements specified in subrule (1) of this rule apply for license renewals beginning with the first renewal cycle after the promulgation of this rule and for initial licenses issued 5 or more years after the promulgation of this rule.

History: 2017 MR 1, Eff. Jan. 6, 2017.

PART 3. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

R 338.7131 Program accreditation standards; physical therapist; adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 31. (1) The standards and evaluative criteria for accreditation of physical therapist educational programs set forth by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education in the document entitled "Evaluative Criteria for Accreditation of Education Programs for the Preparation of Physical Therapists," effective January 1, 2006, revised January 2013, are adopted by reference in these rules. Copies of the evaluative criteria are available at no cost from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1488, at the Commission's website at <http://www.capteonline.org/AccreditationHandbook/>. Copies of the evaluative criteria also are available for inspection and distribution at no cost from the Board of Physical Therapy, Bureau of Health Care Services, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) Any educational program for physical therapists that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education meets the qualifications for an approved physical therapist educational program.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7132 Licensure by examination; physical therapist; requirements.

Rule 32. An applicant for a physical therapist license by examination shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131.

(b) Pass the national physical therapist examination required under R 338.7133(1).

(c) Pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in this state required under R 338.7133(2).

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7133 Examinations; physical therapist; adoption and approval; passing scores.

Rule 33. (1) The board approves and adopts the national physical therapist examination that was developed, administered, and scored by the federation of state boards of physical therapy (fsbpt). The board adopts the passing score recommended by the fsbpt.

(2) The board approves the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department. The passing score on the laws and rules examination is a converted score of not less than 75.

History: 2010 AACCS.

R 338.7134 Physical therapist examination; eligibility.

Rule 34. (1) To ensure eligibility for the national physical therapist examination required under R 338.7133(1), an applicant shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131.

(b) Comply with the requirements of R 338.7135.

(c) Submit documentation acceptable to the department verifying that the applicant is currently enrolled in the final semester, term, or quarter of an approved physical therapist educational program and is expected to graduate.

(2) An applicant who fails to achieve passing scores on the examinations required in R 338.7133 may retake the state examination without limitation and the national examination consistent with fsbpt testing standards.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7135 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; physical therapist; examination; eligibility.

Rule 35. To ensure eligibility for examination, an applicant who graduated from a non-accredited physical therapist educational program shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(a) Verify that the applicant has completed a physical therapist educational program that is substantially equivalent to a physical therapist program that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education (capte), as provided in R 338.7131. Evidence of having completed a substantially equivalent physical therapist educational program includes an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education by the foreign credentialing commission on physical therapy (fccpt), 124 West Street South, Alexandria, VA 22314-2825, <http://www.fccpt.org>, or a substantially equivalent evaluation that utilizes the fsbpt's course work evaluation tool or the standards that were utilized by the fccpt at the time the applicant graduated.

(b) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's physical therapist educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall establish that he or she has obtained a total score of not less than 89 on the test of English as a foreign language internet-based test (toefl ibt) administered by the educational testing service and obtained the following section scores:

- (i) Not less than 21 on the reading section.
- (ii) Not less than 18 on the listening section.
- (iii) Not less than 26 on the speaking section.
- (iv) Not less than 24 on the writing section.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7136 Licensure by endorsement of physical therapist; requirements.

Rule 36. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist license by endorsement shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. An applicant who meets the requirements of the code and this rule and passes the examination required in R 338.7133(2) is presumed to meet the requirements of section 16186 of the code.

(2) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in the practice of physical therapy for 5 years or more immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist license, then the applicant shall pass the national physical therapist examination required under R 338.7133(1).

(3) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in the practice of physical therapy for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist license, then the applicant shall comply with all of the following:

(a) Graduate from either a physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131 or graduate from a physical therapist educational program determined to be substantially equivalent to an educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131.

(b) Pass the national physical therapist examination required under R 338.7133(1).

(c) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's physical therapist educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall meet the requirements in R 338.7135(b).

(4) An applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or registration or ever held a license or registration as a physical therapist. If applicable, verification shall include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7137 Requirements for relicensure; physical therapist.

Rule 37. (1) An applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Passes the examination on Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy required under R 338.7133(2).

(c) Submits proof to the department of accumulating not less than 24 professional development requirement credits consistent with R 338.7161 to R 338.7165 during the 2 years immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

(2) An applicant whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Passes the examination on Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy required under R 338.7133(2).

(c) Complies with either of the following:

(i) Establishes that he or she has been employed as a physical therapist in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of application for relicensure.

(ii) Passes the national physical therapy examination required under R 338.7133(1).

(3) An applicant's license or registration shall be verified by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or registration or ever held a license or registration as a physical therapist. If applicable, verification shall include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7138 Delegation of acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a physical therapist assistant; supervision of physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 38. (1) A physical therapist who delegates the performance of selected acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a physical therapist assistant as permitted under section 16215 of the code shall supervise the physical therapist assistant consistent with section 16109(2) of the code and satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, functions, or interventions to a physical therapist assistant shall provide general supervision of the physical therapist assistant. As used in this subrule, "general supervision" means that the physical therapist is not required to be physically present on site, but must be continuously available at the time the procedure is performed. Continuously available includes availability by telecommunication or other electronic device.

(3) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, functions, or interventions under subrule (2) of this rule shall also comply with all of the following:

(a) Ensure the qualifications of the physical therapist assistant under the physical therapist's supervision, including verification of the physical therapist assistant's training, education, and licensure.

(b) Examine and evaluate the patient or client before delegating interventions to be performed by a physical therapist assistant.

(c) Provide supervision of a physical therapist assistant to whom acts, tasks, functions, or interventions have been delegated.

(d) Provide predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, functions, or interventions that have been delegated.

(e) Maintain a record of the names of the physical therapist assistants to whom acts, tasks, functions, or interventions have been delegated.

(f) Monitor a physical therapist assistant's practice and provision of assigned physical therapy acts, tasks, functions, or interventions.

(g) Meet regularly and in person with the physical therapist assistant to whom acts, tasks, functions, or interventions have been delegated to evaluate the assistant's performance, review records, and educate the physical therapist assistant on the acts, tasks, functions, or interventions that have been delegated.

(4) A physical therapist shall not supervise more than 4 physical therapist assistants at the same time.

History: 2010 AACCS.

R 338.7139 Delegation of acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual; direct supervision of an unlicensed individual; requirements.

Rule 39. (1) A physical therapist who delegates the performance of selected acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual as permitted under section 16215 of the code shall supervise the unlicensed individual consistent with section 16109(2) of the code and satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, or functions to an unlicensed individual shall provide direct supervision of the unlicensed individual. As used in this subrule, "direct supervision" means that the physical therapist is physically present and immediately available for direction and supervision when patients or clients are present at the time the act, task, or function is performed, and that the physical therapist has direct contact with the patient or client during each visit.

(3) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, or functions under subrule (2) of this rule shall also comply with all of the following:

(a) Ensure the qualifications of the unlicensed individual under the physical therapist's direct supervision, including verification of the unlicensed individual's training and education.

(b) Examine and evaluate the patient or client before delegating acts, tasks, or functions to be performed by an unlicensed individual.

(c) Supervise an unlicensed individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated.

(d) Provide predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated.

(e) Maintain a record of the names of the unlicensed individuals to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated.

(f) Monitor an unlicensed individual's practice and provision of assigned acts, tasks, or functions.

(g) Meet regularly and in person with the unlicensed individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated to evaluate the individual's performance, review records, and educate the unlicensed individual on the acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated.

(4) A physical therapist shall not supervise more than 3 unlicensed individuals at the same time.

(5) A physical therapist shall not delegate the performance of a physical therapy intervention to an unlicensed individual.

(6) Under section 16171 of the code, the requirements of subrules (2), (3)(b), and (5) of this rule do not apply to a student enrolled in an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

PART 4. PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

R 338.7141 Program accreditation standards; physical therapist assistant; adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 41. (1) The standards and evaluative criteria for accreditation of physical therapist assistant educational programs set forth by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education in the document entitled "Evaluative Criteria for Accreditation of Education Programs for the Preparation of Physical Therapist Assistants," adopted November 1, 2002, revised January 2013, are adopted by reference in these rules. Copies of the evaluative criteria are available at no cost from the Commission on Accreditation

in Physical Therapy Education, 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1488, at the Commission's website at <http://www.capteonline.org/AccreditationHandbook/>. Copies of the evaluative criteria also are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Physical Therapy, Bureau of Health Care Services, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

(2) Any educational program for physical therapist assistants that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education meets the qualifications for an approved physical therapist assistant educational program.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7142 Licensure by examination; physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 42. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist assistant license by examination shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and these rules, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141.

(b) Pass the national physical therapist assistant examination required under R 338.7145(1).

(c) Pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in this state required under R 338.7145(2).

(2) If an applicant graduated on or before January 1, 2008, from an accredited educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141, then the applicant is presumed to meet the requirements of this rule.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7143 Rescinded.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7144 Rescinded.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7145 Examinations; physical therapist assistant; adoption and approval; passing score.

Rule 45. (1) The board approves and adopts the national physical therapist assistant examination that was developed, administered, and scored by the fsbpt. The board adopts the passing score recommended by the fsbpt.

(2) The board approves the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Michigan which is administered by the department. The passing score on the laws and rules examination is a converted score of not less than 75.

History: 2010 AACCS.

R 338.7146 Physical therapist assistant examination; eligibility.

Rule 46. (1) To ensure eligibility for the national physical therapist assistant examination required under R 338.7145(1), an applicant shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Graduate from an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141.

(b) Comply with the requirements of R 338.7147.

(c) Submit documentation acceptable to the department verifying that the applicant is currently enrolled in the final semester, term, or quarter of an approved physical therapist assistant educational program and is expected to graduate.

(2) An applicant who fails to achieve passing scores on the examinations required in R 338.7145(1) and (2) may retake the state examination without limitation and the national examination consistent with fsbpt testing standards.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7147 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; physical therapist assistant; examination; eligibility.

Rule 47. To ensure eligibility for examination, an applicant who graduated from a United States military or non-accredited physical therapist assistant educational program shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. To be eligible for examination, an applicant shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(a) Verify that the applicant has completed a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program that is substantially equivalent to a physical therapist assistant program that is accredited by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education (capte), as provided in R 338.7141. Evidence of having completed a substantially equivalent physical therapist assistant educational program includes an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education by the foreign credentialing commission on physical therapy (fccpt), 124 West Street South, Alexandria, VA 22314-2825, <http://www.fccpt.org>, or a substantially equivalent evaluation that utilizes the fsbpt's course work evaluation tool or the standards that were utilized by the fccpt at the time the applicant graduated.

(b) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, if the applicant's physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall meet the requirements in R 338.7135(b).

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7148 Licensure by endorsement of physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 48. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist assistant license by endorsement shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. An applicant who satisfies the requirements of the code and this rule and passes the examination required in R 338.7145(2) is presumed to meet the requirements of section 16186 of the code.

(2) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant for 5 years or more immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist assistant license, then the applicant shall pass the national physical therapist assistant examination required under R 338.7145(1).

(3) If an applicant was first licensed in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt and engaged in practice as a physical therapist assistant for less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing an application for a Michigan physical therapist assistant license, then the applicant shall comply with all of the following:

(a) Graduate from a physical therapist assistant educational program that meet the standards in R 338.7141 or graduate from a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program determined to be substantially equivalent to an educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141.

(b) Pass the national physical therapist assistant examination required under R 338.7145(1).

(c) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program was taught in a language other than English. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, the applicant shall meet the requirements in R 338.7135(b).

(4) An applicant's license shall be verified, on a form provided by the department, by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or registration or ever held a license or registration as a physical therapist assistant. If applicable, verification shall include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7149 Requirements for relicensure; physical therapist assistant.

Rule 49. (1) An applicant whose license has lapsed for less than 3 years preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(3) of the code if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Passes the examination on Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy required in R 338.7145(2).

(c) Submits proof to the department of accumulating not less than 24 professional development requirement credits consistent with R 338.7161 to R 338.7165 during the 2 years immediately preceding the application for relicensure.

(2) An applicant whose license has lapsed for 3 years or more preceding the date of application for relicensure may be relicensed under section 16201(4) of the code if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Submits the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Passes the examination on Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy required under R 338.7145(2).

(c) Complies with either of the following:

(i) Establishes that he or she has been employed as a physical therapist assistant in another jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of application for relicensure.

(ii) Passes the national physical therapist assistant examination required under R 338.7145(1).

(3) An applicant's license or registration shall be verified by the licensing agency of any jurisdiction recognized by the fsbpt in which the applicant holds a current license or registration or ever held a license or registration as a physical therapist assistant. If applicable, verification shall include the record of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the applicant.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7150 Rescinded.

History: 2010 AACCS; 2015 AACCS.

PART 5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

R 338.7161 License renewals; requirements; applicability.

Rule 61. (1) This part applies to applications for renewal of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license under sections 16201 and 17823 of the code that are filed for the renewal cycle beginning 1 year or more after the effective date of these rules.

(2) An applicant for license renewal who has been licensed for the 2-year period immediately preceding the expiration date of the license shall accumulate not less than 24 professional development requirement (pdr) credits in activities approved by the board under these rules during the 2 years immediately preceding an application for renewal.

(3) Submission of an application for renewal shall constitute the applicant's certification of compliance with the requirements of this rule. A licensee shall retain documentation of meeting the requirements of this rule for a period of 3 years from the date of applying for license renewal. Failure to comply with this rule is a violation of section 16221(h) of the code.

(4) The requirements of this rule do not apply to a licensee during his or her initial licensure cycle.

(5) The pdr requirements established in these rules meet the professional development requirements established under section 17823 of the code.

History: 2015 AACCS.

R 338.7163 Acceptable professional development requirement activities; requirements; limitations.

Rule 63. (1) The 24 pdr credits required under R 338.7161(2) for the renewal of a license shall meet the following requirements, as applicable:

(a) No more than 12 pdr credits shall be earned for approved online continuing education programs or activities during one 24-hour period.

(b) A licensee shall not earn pdr credit for a continuing education program or activity that is identical or substantially identical to a program or activity for which the licensee has already earned credit for during that renewal period.

(c) In accordance with section 16204(2) of the code, a licensee shall earn at least 1 pdr credit in the area of pain and symptom management by completing a continuing education program or activity. Credits in pain and symptom management may include, but are not limited to, courses in behavior management, psychology of pain, pharmacology, behavior modification, stress management, clinical applications, and drug interventions as they relate to the practice of physical therapy.

(2) The board adopts by reference the procedures and criteria for recognizing accrediting organizations of the council for higher education accreditation (chea), effective June 28, 2010, and the procedures and criteria for recognizing accrediting agencies of the U.S. department of education, effective July 1, 2010, as contained in Title 34, Part 602 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Copies of the standards and criteria of the council for higher education accreditation and the U.S. department of education are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board Physical Therapy, Bureau of Health Care Services, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. The chea recognition standards also may be obtained from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036-1110, or from the council's website at <http://www.chea.org> at no cost. The federal recognition criteria may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 or from the department's website at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OPE/index.html> at no cost.

(3) Credit may be earned for any of the following activities:

ACCEPTABLE PDR ACTIVITIES

Activity Code	Activity	Number of pdr credits earned for activity
1	<p>Completing an approved continuing education program or activity related to the practice of physical therapy or any non-clinical subject relevant to the practice of physical therapy. A continuing education program or activity is approved, regardless of the format in which it is offered, if it is approved or offered for continuing education credit by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another state board of physical therapy. • The Michigan board of medicine. • The Michigan board of osteopathic medicine and surgery. • The federation of state boards of physical therapy (fsbpt). • The American physical therapy association (apta) or its components. • An accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • An accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee's name, number of credits earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for continuing education credit, and the date or dates on which the program was held or activity completed.</p>	<p>The number of credits approved by the sponsor or the approving organization. A maximum of 20 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
2	<p>Passing a postgraduate academic course related to the practice of physical</p>	<p>Fifteen pdr credits for each semester credit earned and 10 pdr</p>

	<p>therapy offered by either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • An accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141. • A nationally accredited university or college that meets the standards in subsection (2) of this rule. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the transcript showing credit hours of the academic courses related to physical therapy.</p>	<p>credits for each quarter or term credit earned. A maximum of 20 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
3	<p>Reading an article related to the practice of physical therapy in a professional or scientific journal.</p> <p>This activity does not include articles that are approved for pdr credit under activity code 1.</p> <p>To receive credit, a licensee shall successfully complete an evaluation that was provided with the article or the general response form provided by the department as an evaluative component for this activity.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit documentation from the professional or scientific journal or a copy of the completed general response form to verify that he or she completed an evaluation.</p>	<p>One pdr credit for each article. A maximum of 6 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
4	<p>Viewing or listening to media devoted to professional education related to the practice of physical therapy, other than on-line programs, that was not approved or offered for continuing education</p>	<p>One pdr credit for each hour spent viewing or listening to media. A maximum of 6 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	<p>credit.</p> <p>To receive credit, a licensee shall successfully complete an evaluation that was provided with the educational media or the general response form provided by the department as an evaluative component for this activity.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the completed evaluation or completed general response form to verify that he or she completed an evaluation.</p>	
5	<p>Presenting a continuing education program related to the practice of physical therapy.</p> <p>To receive credit, the presentation shall be approved or offered for continuing education credit by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another state board of physical therapy. • The Michigan board of medicine. • The Michigan board of osteopathic medicine and surgery. • The federation of state boards of physical therapy (fsbpt). • The American physical therapy association (apta) or its components. • An accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • An accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from the program sponsor confirming the licensee as the presenter and the presentation date and time, or a copy of the presentation notice or advertisement showing the date of the presentation, the</p>	<p>Two pdr credits for each 50 to 60 minutes of presentation, which includes credit granted for preparation. A presentation shall not be less than 50 minutes in length and credit for a presentation shall be granted only once in each renewal period. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	licensee's name listed as a presenter, and the name of the organization that approved or offered the presentation for continuing education credit.	
6	<p>Presenting a scientific exhibit or scientific paper accepted for presentation through a peer review process at a state, regional, national, or international physical therapy conference, or its components, or a related professional organization.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the document presented with evidence of presentation or a letter from the program sponsor verifying the exhibit or paper was accepted for presentation through a peer review process and the date of the presentation.</p>	Two pdr credits for each presentation, which includes credit granted for preparation, and credit for a presentation shall be granted only once in each renewal period. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.
7	<p>Writing an article related to the practice, education, or research of physical therapy that is published in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The journal of a national physical therapy association or its components. • A peer-reviewed journal. • A health care journal. • A professional or scientific journal <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author of the article or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	Six pdr credits for each article, which includes credit granted for preparation, and credit for each article shall be granted only once in each renewal period. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.
8	<p>Writing a chapter related to the practice, education, or research of physical therapy that is published in a book.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a copy of the publication that identifies the licensee as the author of the chapter or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	Six pdr credits for each chapter, which includes credit granted for preparation, and credit for each chapter shall be granted only once in each renewal period. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.

9	<p>Successfully completing 1 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An American board of physical therapy specialties (abpts) certification examination. • An abpts recertification examination. • An abpts professional development portfolio for recertification. • A specialty certification examination or recertification examination offered or approved by an organization approved by the board. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit proof of certification or recertification.</p>	<p>Twenty-three pdr credits. A maximum of 23 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
10	<p>Participating as a student for a minimum of 1,000 hours in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141. • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy offered through a health care organization accredited by an organization recognized by the center for medicare and medicaid services. • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy that is 	<p>Twelve pdr credits. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	<p>accredited or credentialed by the apta or an organization approved by the board.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from the program director verifying the number of hours the licensee participated in the clinical training program and that the program was provided, offered, or accredited by an educational program or organization that meets the requirements of this rule.</p>	
11	<p>Participation in a health care organization committee or task force dealing with patient care related issues including, but not limited to, quality of patient care and utilization review.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from an organization official verifying the committee or organization dealt with patient care related issues and the licensee's participation, including the dates and the amount of time the licensee participated on each date.</p>	<p>One pdr credit for each 50 to 60 minutes of participation. A maximum of 6 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
12	<p>Serving as a guest instructor of students, staff, or other licensees at any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited physical therapist educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that meets the standards in R 338.7141. • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical 	<p>Two pdr credits for each 50 to 60 minute instructional session on a specific subject, which includes credit granted for preparation, and credit shall be granted only once for each separate instructional session. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	<p>therapy offered through a health care organization accredited by an organization recognized by the center for medicare and medicaid services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy that is accredited or credentialed by the apta or an organization approved by the board. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from the program director verifying the licensee’s role, the number of instructional sessions on specific subjects provided by the licensee, and the length of the instructional sessions. Also, the letter shall verify that the clinical training program was provided, offered, or accredited by an educational program or organization that meets the requirements of this rule.</p>	
13	<p>Serving as a clinical instructor or clinical supervisor for students completing an internship, residency, or fellowship program that is recognized or approved by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited educational program for physical therapists that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • An accredited educational program for physical therapist assistants that meets the standards in R 338.7141. • The apta or an organization approved by the board. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from the educational program or clinical agency director verifying the licensee’s role, the number of hours of instruction or supervision provided by the licensee, and that the internship, residency, or</p>	<p>Three pdr credits for 40 hours of clinical instruction or supervision. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	<p>fellowship program is recognized or approved by an educational program or organization that meets the requirements of this rule.</p>	
14	<p>Identifying, researching, and addressing an event or issue related to professional practice.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a completed experiential activity form provided by the department for each issue or event.</p>	<p>One pdr credit for each separate event or issue. A maximum of 6 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
15	<p>Participating on an international, national, regional, state, state component, or local task force, committee, board, council, or association related to the field of physical therapy that is considered acceptable by the board. A task force, committee, board, council, or association is considered acceptable if it enhances the participant's knowledge and understanding of the field of physical therapy.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit documentation verifying the licensee's participation in at least 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the task force, committee, board, council, or association.</p>	<p>Four pdr credits for participation on each task force, committee, board, council, or association. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
16	<p>Participating as a surveyor for an external agency in a program involving the accreditation, certification, or inspection of an educational program for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants or a certification process for a clinical agency.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from the accreditation, certification, or inspection program verifying the licensee's participation, the location of the inspections, and the number of hours</p>	<p>One pdr credit for each 50 to 60 minutes of participation. A maximum of 12 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	the licensee spent participating as a surveyor.	
17	<p>Performing volunteer work related to the field of physical therapy without reimbursement in a public or nonprofit entity.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from an official at the public or nonprofit entity verifying the number of hours and the type of volunteer work performed by the licensee.</p>	One pdr credit for each 50 to 60 minutes of volunteer work performed. A maximum of 6 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.
18	<p>Serving as a center coordinator of clinical education at an agency that provides clinical internships for students enrolled in programs that are recognized or approved by either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited educational program for physical therapists that meets the standards in R 338.7131. • An accredited educational program for physical therapist assistants that meets the standards in R 338.7141. <p>If audited, a licensee shall submit a letter from the educational program or clinical agency director verifying the licensee's role and that students were placed and participated in the internship program during the time for which the licensee is claiming pdr credit.</p>	Two pdr credits per year. A maximum of 4 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.
19	<p>Completing the federation of state boards of physical therapy (fsbpt) practice review tool.</p> <p>To receive credit, a licensee shall submit documentation from the fsbpt verifying completion of the practice review tool.</p>	Ten pdr credits. A maximum of 10 pdr credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.

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