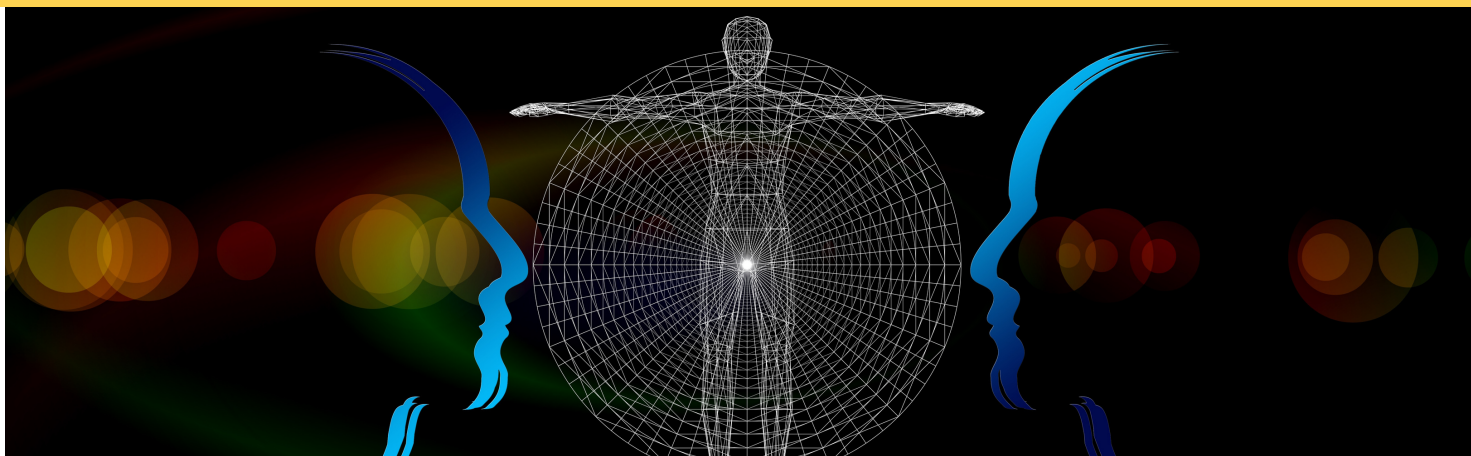


THE MDBPTE QUARTERLY UPDATE

The Official Newsletter of The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners



Chair and Vice-Chair Election Results

by Laurie Kendall-Ellis, Executive Director

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (MDBPTE) is pleased to announce the re-election of Karen Gordes, PT, PhD, DScPT, as chair and Rebecca Holsinger, PT, DPT, NCS, CVTP, as vice-chair. Their one-year officer term begins on June 1, 2021.

Dr. Gordes is excited about continuing as chair. She continues to be passionate about giving back to the physical therapy profession and the community. Over her years of Board service, Dr. Gordes has gained valuable insights into opportunities for the advancement and refinement of the Board's mission to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders through the promotion and oversight of the Maryland Physical Therapy Practice Act.

Dr. Rebecca Holsinger looks forward to continuing in her role on the Board as vice-chair. She has an ongoing appreciation of how the Board governs and is an active participant in strategic discussions and as an active listener. Dr. Holsinger, along with the Board, advances the Board's vision to ensure physical therapists and physical therapist assistants meet and exceed the physical therapy standards of practice to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders.

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Board Member Appointments

by Laurie Kendall-Ellis, Executive Director

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is pleased to announce the re-appointments of Karen Gordes, PT, PhD, DScPT and Michelle Finnegan, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, CCTT, CMTPT, FAAOMPT. Their 4-year terms begin June 1, 2021.

Dr. Gordes has been re-elected as Board Chair and Dr. Finnegan will continue her role as Board Liaison to the American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland.



Licensing

By Isaac Okehie, Deputy Director of Administration

IMPORTANT!

License Renewal Deadline: Per Governor Hogan's 3/9/2021 Executive Order, any licensee with a 5/31/2020 or 5/31/2021 expiration date who has not already renewed must have done so by **June 30, 2021**.

License Renewal portal closed at midnight of June 30, 2021.

License Reinstatement and Reinstatement Fees: Reinstatement begins **7/1/2021** and the reinstatement fee is **\$400 for PTs and PTAs**

Questions? Contact Deputy Director of Administration Okehie @
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Continuing Education

By Khadija Ali, Project Manager

The Board of Physical Therapy Examiner's website contains **Approved** and **Non-Approved** Continuing Education (CE) course lists.

All CE courses listed have been reviewed by the Board. The Approved CE courses have met COMAR 10.38.08.04 Continuing Education Course Approval Regulation. The Non-Approved CE courses have not met COMAR 10.38.08.04.

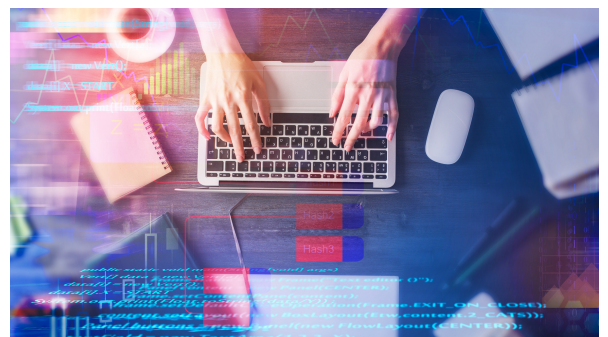
Licensees may request a complimentary review of a CE course one month prior to the course date.

PLEASE NOTE: If a CE course appears on the Non-Approved CE course list, it can not be reviewed.

If a CE course does not appear on the Approved CE course lists and you would like it reviewed, complete and attach to your email:

- the Course Brochure (scanned)
- the Course Learning Outcomes
- description of course relevancy to the clinical practice of physical therapy,
- the professional target audience

Email to Khadija Ali, Project Manager, Continuing Education @
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PT Compact Has Arrived!

By John Bull, Deputy Director of Operations

On July 1, 2021, the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy has officially kicked off its participation in the PT Compact with the Physical Therapy Compact Commission. Not only will the State of Maryland begin to allow out-of-state therapists to begin working in Maryland on their home state license, but Maryland therapists can now purchase a compact privilege in other participating states.

Currently, there are twenty-three (23) states actively issuing a compact privilege with another eleven (11) states finishing up the process to issue a privilege. In our surrounding states, Virginia and West Virginia are actively issuing with Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. finishing up the process.

In order to be eligible for a PT Compact Privilege you must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a current and valid license in your home state
- Your home state must be a member of the PT Compact and actively issuing compact privileges
- You cannot have any encumbrances against any PT/PTA license
- You cannot have any disciplinary actions against any PT/PTA license within the last two years
- The state you want the privilege in must be a member of the PT Compact and actively issuing compact privileges.
- You must successfully complete the jurisprudence requirements of the state(s) you want a compact privilege in

If you are interested in the PT Compact and would like more information, please visit the Compact Commissions website at <http://ptcompact.org>.



COVID-19 Update

1. Directive and Order Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities & General Directives Concerning Limiting The Spread of COVID-19

- Effective July 1, 2021, certain MDH orders will terminate including the order pertaining to face coverings
- Effective August 15, 2021, all existing COVID-19 MDH orders, guidance documents, and bulletins will terminate
- Effective December 31, 2021, certain MDH orders will terminate, including the Healthcare Matters order, the Nursing Home Matters order, and the Vaccination Matters order

2. Amended MDH Vaccination Matters

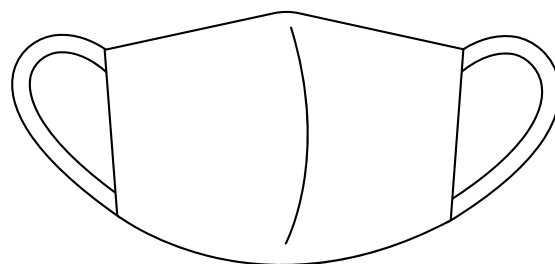
- Continues requirement that each COVID-19 vaccine administered be reported within 24 hours of administration

3. Amended MDH Healthcare Matters

- Continues provision to authorize local health officers to order quarantine and isolation of certain individuals
- Extends certain patient transfer items

4. Amended MDH Nursing Home Matters

- Adds a provision that skilled nursing facilities register in ImmuNet as a COVID-19 provider by July 15, 2021



Link:

[COVID- 19 Pandemic Orders and Guidance](#)



Legislative Update



Preserve Telehealth Act of 2021

The Governor's executive order on telehealth ends on July 1, 2021. However, Senate Bill 3, entitled "Preserve Telehealth Act of 2021" that was passed takes effect the same day. This bill alters the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth and requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to submit a certain report on telehealth. The passing of this bill will now lead to the Board drafting a telehealth regulation.



Temporary Licenses to Practice Physical Therapy and Limited Physical Therapy

The passing of Senate Bill 517 "Temporary Licenses to Practice Physical Therapy and Limited Physical Therapy," becomes effective July 1, 2021. This bill authorizes the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to issue a 90-day temporary license to practice physical therapy and limited physical therapy under the direct supervision of a physical therapist. Temporary license physical therapists and physical therapist assistants meet education and experience requirements but have not taken and passed a national examination. The passing of this bill will now lead to the Board drafting regulations.

Links:

[Open Session Meeting Minutes](#)

[Open Session Meeting Agenda](#)

[Maryland Practice Act](#)

[FAQs](#)

Virtual Board Meetings

Board Meetings* are open to the public and are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Agendas are posted on our website. Join by phone: (US)+1(301) 882-3047 PIN: 7209 935 914# Join by Video (copy and paste this link): meet.google.com/rbpmkdk-pbi

*In-person meetings will tentatively resume in 2022

[Agenda](#)



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