

WSR 21-11-006

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Physical Therapy)

[Filed May 7, 2021, 10:11 a.m., effective May 7, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: May 7, 2021.

Other Findings Required by Other Provisions of Law as Precondition to Adoption or Effectiveness of Rule: RCW 34.05.380 (3)(b) states a rule may become effective immediately upon its filing with the code reviser if the agency establishes that effective date adopting order and finds that "[t]he rule only delays the effective date of another rule that is not yet effective ..." RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2) mandates the board of physical therapy to adopt the physical therapy compact commission rules in order for physical therapists to participate in the compact. The commission adopted rules October 25, 2020. Immediate adoption is necessary so as to not further delay participation with the compact commission.

Purpose: WAC 246-915A-010 board of physical therapy compact rules. The board of physical therapy (board) has updated WAC 246-915A-010 to comply with RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2), which mandates that in order to participate in the physical therapy compact in the state of Washington, the board must adopt compact rules. The physical therapy compact commission made minor amendments to the compact rules. The compact commission held a public rules hearing where the amendments were adopted and became effective on October 25, 2020. The adopted rule complies with the statute by incorporating by reference to the compact commission's rules as of October 25, 2020.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 246-915A-010.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 18.74.023 and 18.74.500, Article IX(2).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-04-115 on February 1, 2021.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: April 5, 2021.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-11-063, filed 5/19/20, effective 6/19/20)

WAC 246-915A-010 Physical therapy licensure compact—Compact commission rules. (1) The physical therapy licensure compact (compact) is established in Washington under RCW 18.74.500. Its purpose is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services.

(2) The rules of the physical therapy compact commission, in effect as of October (~~27, 2019~~) 25, 2020, are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(3) A copy of the rules is available for public inspection from the department of health at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact/RulesInProgress> or by calling the department of health's office of customer service at 360-236-4700.

(4) A licensee may exercise a compact privilege as provided in RCW 18.74.500, Article IV. Applicable fees are set forth in WAC 246-915A-990.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.74.023 and 18.74.500, Article IX(2). WSR 20-11-063, § 246-915A-010, filed 5/19/20, effective 6/19/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.74.500, 18.74.023, and 2017 c 108. WSR 19-12-056, § 246-915A-010, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19.]