

WSR 24-20-033

EXPEDITED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Physical Therapy)

[Filed September 23, 2024, 11:23 a.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Physical therapy licensure compact; updating the reference date to match the most recent physical therapy compact commission (commission) rules. The board of physical therapy (board) is proposing to update the effective date in WAC 246-915A-010 to match the date of the most recent physical therapy compact rules per RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2). This proposed amendment will update the effective date in WAC 246-915A-010 to June 17, 2024 in rule.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The purpose of this proposal is to update the effective date in WAC to the date of the commission rules' most recent version, June 17, 2024. The commission rules are not effective in Washington unless the board approves and adopts the rules.

The commission rules, effective June 17, 2024, make the following changes:

(1) Clarify the expiration date of the home state license and compact privilege.

(2) Change the time frame of how long a compact privilege holder must report a change in home state from 30 days to 60 days.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The board is proposing amendments to comply with RCW 18.74.500, Article IX(2), which mandates that the board must update the effective date of the compact rules in WAC 246-915A-010 to participate in the compact in the state of Washington.

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

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Board of physical therapy, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Allyson McIver, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501, 360-236-2878.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: The proposed amendments adopt by reference, without material change, the most recent version of the physical therapy licensure compact commission rules updated on June 17, 2024. The proposed amendment updates the WAC to include the date of the most recent version of the compact.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Allyson McIver, Program Manager, Department of Health, Board of Physical Therapy, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-2878, email <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview/>, physical.therapy@doh.wa.gov, BEGINNING the date and time of this filing, AND RECEIVED BY December 2, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

September 23, 2024
Kathryn Dale, PT, Chair
Physical Therapy Board

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-11-116, filed 5/20/24, effective 5/20/24)

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 June ((27, 2023)) 17, 2024, 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> 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.