

Vermont Board of Physical Therapy

July 9, 2013

Dear licensee:

The revisions to the Board of Physical Therapy Rules became effective on June 1, 2013. **Part 4 CONTINUING COMPETENCE** has been added to the Rules. It reads as follows.

4.1 Continuing Competency Activities Required

(a) A physical therapist licensee must document completion of a total of 24 CCUs during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal. A physical therapist assistant licensee must document completion of 16 CCUs during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal. This provision shall apply to all renewal periods.

[Note: Since this new Rule became effective between renewal periods the Board will only require 12 hours of continuing competence for physical therapists and 8 hours of continuing competence for physical therapist assistants this renewal cycle. After September 30, 2014, the full 24 CCU's for physical therapists and 16 CCU's for physical therapist assistants will be required every two years.]

(b) CCUs must be obtained in subjects related to either the professional practice of physical therapy or patient/client management.

(1) The professional practice of physical therapy includes but is not limited to professional accountability, professional behavior and professional development.

(2) Patient/client management includes but is not limited to examination, evaluation and diagnosis and prognosis; plan of care; implementation; education; and discharge.

The Office will now begin requiring all physical therapists to receive 24 hours of continuing competence and physical therapists assistants to receive 16 hours of continuing competence every two years.

This notice should give you enough time (15 months) to get the required continuing competence by September 30, 2014.

All information available can be found on the website at http://vtprofessionals.org/opr1/physical_therapists/ under "Education"

If you have any questions please contact me directly at judith.griffen@sec.state.vt.us

Sincerely,

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