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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Debbie Morgan

Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development

FROM:

April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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DATE:

August 30, 2019

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy

Regulations

Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Reuglations (12 AAC 54.030 - 12

AAC 54.915)

Attorney General File:

2019200300

Regulation Filed:

8/30/2019

Effective Date:

9/29/2019

Print:

231, October 2019

cc with enclosures:

Harry Hale, Department of Law

Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD

The attached seven pages of regulations, dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists, are hereby certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board adopted at its May 14, 2019 teleconference meeting, under the authority of AS 08.84.010, AS 08.84.030, AS 08.84.032, AS 08.84.040, AS 08.84.060, AS 08.84.065, AS 08.84.075, AS 08.84.080, AS 08.84.100, and AS 08.84.120 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: May 14, 2019

Junéau, Alaska

Ruth Kostlk, Chair State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

April Simpson for FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on Angust 30, 2019 at 8:05 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: September 29, 2019

Register: 231, Ochber 2019

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th, 2018.

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KEVIN MEYER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Chapter 54. State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

12 AAC 54.030(b) is amended to read:

(b) An application must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the board members before an applicant may take the examination. The board will not review an application until all documents required under (a) of this section have been received by the department; however, the board may approve an applicant to take the examination when a statement, sent directly anticipated to meet from the educational institution to the department indicating that the applicant is on track ion requirements

The graduater and the required documents under (a)(1), (3), and (4) of this section have been received.

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/2019, Register 231)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.040

The introductory language OF)

- ^ 12 AAC 54.040(f) is amended to read:
 - (f) The [UPON COMPLETION OF THE INTERNSHIP, THE] preceptor shall submit [A LETTER SENT] directly to the department, a national performance evaluation tool

 recognized by the board to determine competence upon completion of a supervised clinical

 practice experience [ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT] attesting to the applicant's (((Poblisher: No change to 12 AAC 54.040 (f) (I) -(3))))

 (1) satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion of the internship;

 (2) proficiency in English, if English is the applicant's second language; and

(3) level of skill in completion of evaluation, program planning, therapeutic practice, potential ability to practice safely while unsupervised with sound professional judgment, and ethics related to the practice of physical therapy. (((Publisher 12 AAC 54.040 (F)(1) -(3)))) (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9/29/10/9, Register 231)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.065

12 AAC 54.080(c) is amended to read:

(c) An applicant for licensure who does not pass the examination on the first attempt may retake the examination two additional times without reapplication for licensure within 12 months of the first failure. Before the board may approve an application for subsequent testing beyond three attempts, an applicant shall reapply for licensure under 12 AAC 54.030 and shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed additional course work offered by **an education program that is accredited by a national accreditation agency** [THE APPROVED EXAMINATION BODY SPECIFIED IN (a) OF THIS SECTION]. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 6/1/95, Register 134; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 9/29/2019, Register 231) **Authority:** AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.080

12 AAC 54.420(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed 9 /29 /2019 [IF AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL IS

UNCERTAIN WHETHER A PARTICULAR CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY
WILL MEET THE STANDARDS OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MAY REQUEST
BOARD APPROVAL BEFORE CLAIMING THOSE CONTACT HOURS].

(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 9 / 29 / 2019, Register 231)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.530(b)(1) is repealed:

(1) repealed 9 /29 /2019 [MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE WHILE PERFORMING TELEREHABILITATION UNDER THIS SECTION];

(Eff. 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 9 /29 / 2019, Register 23)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 **AS 08.84.120**

12 AAC 54.620 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(b)(2), "supervised field work" means experience that is part of the educational program completed by the applicant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. [IF THE TRAINING OCCURRED IN A STATE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE LICENSURE, THE SUPERVISING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (NBCOT).] Supervised field work must include

(1) for occupational therapists, at least two three-month internships and shall provide for the development of skills in data collection, treatment planning, and treatment

implementation; and

(2) for occupational therapy assistants, at least one two-month internship. (Eff.

9/26/91, Register 119; am 9 / 29 / 2019, Register 231)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.060

repealed and readopted

12 AAC 54.710 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.710. Occupational therapy continuing education requirements. (a)

Except as provided in 12 AAC 54.725, an applicant for renewal of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant license who has been licensed for 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period shall have

(1) completed, during that period, 24 contact hours of continuing education; or

(2) evidence of current certification by the National Board for Certification

in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

 $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{b})$ An applicant for renewal of an occupational therapy assistant license who has been licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period shall have

- (1) completed, during that period, 12 contact hours of continuing education; [OR]
- (2) passed the national occupational therapy examination during the 12 months immediately before the date that the applicant's license is due to lapse; or

no bold/ul (3) evidence of current certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

(c) [(b)] An applicant shall complete at least one-half of the required contact hours in courses or programs offered by an accredited academic institution or a professional organization

approved by the board under 12 AAC 54.715(a).

(d) [(e)] For the purposes of this section,

- (1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction:
- (2) one continuing education unit awarded by a professional health care association equals 10 contact hours;
 - (3) one academic semester credit hour equals 15 contact hours; and
 - (4) one academic quarter credit hour equals 10 contact hours.

(a) [(d)] Repealed 5/21/97.

(b) [(e)] An applicant for renewal is responsible for maintaining adequate and detailed records of all continuing education contact hours claimed and shall make the records available to the board upon request under 12 AAC 54.720. Records must be retained for three years from the date the contact hours were obtained.

The following activities will not be accepted for continuing education contact hours under this section:

- (1) routine staff meetings attended by the applicant:
- (2) rounds conducted by the applicant;
- (3) routine courses required for employment, including courses on cardiopulmonary resuscitating, first aid, and training related to Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

رو) The board recognizes the maintenance of NBCOT certification as fulfilling the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section.

(r) To document current proof of the current certification with the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), the applicant shall submit a

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photocopy of the front and back of the current NBCOT certificate. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am 9 / 29 / 2019, Register 231)

Authority:

AS 08.84.010

AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.715(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed 9 / 29 / 2019 [IF AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL IS

UNCERTAIN WHETHER A PARTICULAR CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

WILL MEET THE STANDARDS OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MAY REQUEST

BOARD APPROVAL BEFORE CLAIMING THOSE CONTACT HOURS].

(Eff. 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 9 / 29 / 2019, Register 23)

Authority:

AS 08.84.010

AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.825(b)(1) is repealed:

(1) repealed 9 / 29 / 2019 [MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE WHILE PERFORMING TELEREHABILITATION UNDER THIS SECTION];

(Eff. 9/27/2008, Register 187; am 9 / 29 / 2019, Register 231)

Authority:

AS 08.84.010

AS 08.84.120

12 AAC 54.915(b) is amended to read:

(b) The form titled "Application Checklist for Temporary Permit," dated <u>February 2019</u> [APRIL 2005], is adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review by staff

of an application for a temporary permit to practice as an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, or physical therapy assistant.

(Eff. 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am

9 / 29 / 2019, Register 231)

Authority:

AS 08.84.010

AS 08.84.065

AS 08.84.075

AS 08.84.030

Editor's note: The application checklist forms adopted by reference in 12 AAC 54.915 are available at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development,

Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing offices in Anchorage and Juneau.

((1 Publisher: No change to editois note.)))

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer

Lieutenant Governor

Date: August 23, 2019

Lieutenant Governo.

File No.: 2019200300

Thru: Susan R. Pollard

Tel. No.: 465-3600

Chief Assistant Attorney General Legislation and Regulations Section

From: Allison Radford

Assistant Attorney General

Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Regulations (12 AAC 54.030 - 12 AAC 54.915)

We have reviewed the attached regulations changes from the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. The regulations make updates to account for developments in the board's utilization of national performance standards and testing, and the enactment of the telemedicine bill, SB 74 (sec. 13 ch., 25 SLA 2016). Changes include allowing the board to approve an applicant taking the required examination upon receipt of a statement from the educational institution that the applicant is anticipated to meet graduation requirements. This appears to provide additional opportunities for applicants to take the examination needed for licensing.

We find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations.

The April 10, 2019 public notice and May 14, 2019 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

ALR/nlw

cc: Honorable Julie Anderson, Commissioner

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Amy Demboski, Assistant Commissioner

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Glenn Hoskinson, Junior Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Sara Chambers, Division Director

Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

Ruth Kostik, Chair

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board (via Jun Maiquis)

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

Harriet Dinegar-Milks, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Commercial, Fair Business, and Child Support Section

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board proposes to update various regulations regarding licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and to adopt by reference the updated checklists used for review of applications.

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 54 of the Alaska Administrative Code including the following:

- 1. 12 AAC 54.030. Requirements for physical therapy license by examination, is proposed to be changed to amend the requirements for a physical therapist or a physical therapy assistant license by examination.
- 2. 12 AAC 54.040. Foreign-trained physical therapy applicants, is proposed to add standardized tool for preceptors.
- 3. **12 AAC 54.080. Passing scores,** is proposed to amend the approved examination body and provide opportunity for additional course work options accredited by a national accreditation agency.
- 4. 12 AAC 54.420. Approved physical therapy courses and activities, is proposed to repeal the continuing education course or activity board approval request.
- 5. 12 AAC 54.530. Standards for practice of telerehabilitation by physical therapist, is proposed to be changed to repeal the requirements that a licensed physical therapist must be physically present in Alaska while performing telerehabilitation services to patients who are located at distant sites by means of an interactive telecommunication system.
- 6. 12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work, is proposed to remove obsolete language to align with national standards.
- 7. 12 AAC 54.710. Occupational therapy continuing education requirements, is proposed to be changed to amend the continuing education requirements for renewal of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant.
- 8. 12 AAC 54.715. Approved occupational therapy courses and activities, is proposed to repeal the continuing education course or activity board approval request.
- 9. 12 AAC 54.825. Standards for practice of telerehabilitation by occupational therapy, is proposed to be changed to repeal the requirements that a licensed occupational therapist must be physically present in Alaska while performing telerehabilitation services to patients who are located at distant sites by means of an interactive telecommunication system.
- 10. 12 AAC 54.915. Review of applications for temporary permit or limited permit, is proposed to be changed to update the checklists used for review of applications.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at http://notice.alaska.gov/193746, and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later

than 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2019. Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jun Maiguis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and the Board's website on https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherap y.aspx. The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov not later than May 3, 2019 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or go to https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PHY-0319.pdf.

A copy of the material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the Board's office at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 08.84.010; AS 08.84.030; AS 08.84.032; AS 08.84.040; AS 08.84.060; AS 08.84.065; AS 08.84.075; AS 08.84.080; AS 08.84.100

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.84.010; AS 08.84.030; AS 08.84.032; AS 08.84.040; AS 08.84.060; AS 08.84.065; AS 08.84.075; AS 08.84.080; AS 08.84.100

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE:

Jun Maiguis, Regulations Specialist Division of Corporations, Business and

Professional Licensing

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in an occupation's regulations in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- Adopting agency: State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
- 2. General subject of regulation: Licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists.
- 3. Citation of regulation: 12 AAC 54.030 12 AAC 54.915.
- 4. Department of Law file number: To be assigned.
- 5. Reason for the proposed action: Update and clarification of current regulations; compliance with current statute.
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing #2360.
- 7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: None known. Another state agency: None known.

A municipality: None known.

- 8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): No costs are expected in FY 2019 or in subsequent years.
- 9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Telephone: (907) 465-2580

E-mail: connie.petz@alaska.gov

10. The origin of the proposed action: State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

907) 465-2537

11. Date: _______ Prepared by: ________ Jun Maiquis Regulations Specialist

STATE OF ALASKA)
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss.)

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 12 AAC 54.030 through 12 AAC 54.915, dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists, has been given by being

- 1. published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- 2. furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
- 3. furnished to appropriate state officials;
- 4. furnished to interested persons;
- 5. furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- 6. furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- 7. posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1).

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to persons in (2), (4), and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

DATE: <u>5/21/19</u> Juneau, Alaska

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this

2019.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

My commission expires:



STATE OF ALASKA)
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being duly sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board regulations on dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists.

DATE:

Juneau, Alaska

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this

day of _______

2019



Notary Public in and for the

State of Alaska

My commission expires:

STATE OF ALASKA)
) ss
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner for the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, being duly sworn, state the following:

The attached motion dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists was passed by the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board during its May 14. 2019 teleconference meeting.

 $\frac{5.15-19}{\text{Juneau, Alaska}}$ Date:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15 day of May, 2019.



State of Alaska

My commission expires: w/ office

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

Name	TYPE: PT PT/ METHOD: CRED	A □ OT □ OTA □ EXAM
PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL THERAP	Y ASSISTANT	
TEMPORARY PERMIT BY CREDENTIALS - 12 AAC { All fees paid Application fee License fee A complete application on a form provided by the All items required under 12 AAC 54.100	54.050 AND 12 AAC 54.10	All Hammer 1 - 61 020
Holds a current license in good standing to pract	ice physical therapy in	
Completed application file ready for board review		,
TEMPORARY PERMIT BY EXAMINATION - 12 AAC	54.050 AND 12 AAC 54.03	Items in 12 AAC 54,030
All fees paid Application fee License fee A complete application on a form provided by the All items required under 12 AAC 54.030	• • •	9-141 (MANAGE PARE)
Completed application file ready for board review	,	
Scheduled for examination		
Statement of responsibility		
All fees paid Application fee License fee A complete application on a form provided by the All items required under 12 AAC 54.640(b) Holds a current license in good standing to practi Completed application file ready for board review FEMPORARY PERMIT BY EXAMINATION - 12 AAC 54 All fees paid Application fee License fee	department ce occupational therapy in 1.640 Temporary permit fee	Last 24 mths-60 hrs exp ORpassed Exam
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All items required under 12 AAC 54.640(a) Completed application file ready for board review Statement of responsibility		
	Temporary Permit Require	ement met:Date
	Approved by: Signature	
DL-316 (Rev. 2/2019)	COMMENTS/NOTES	Circle one PT PTA OT OTA Permit No: Effective: Expires: Supervision Required Tyes No

1	STATE OF ALASKA
2	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY
3	AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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5	May 14, 2019
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7	By authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6,
8	a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy was held
9	333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor, Conference Room A, Juneau AK
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11	These draft minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and
12	Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.
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14	Tuesday, May 14, 2019
15	Date Versil Chele file Decel (Dhele Little 100 and 170
16 17	Ruth Kostik, Chair of the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy called the
18	teleconference meeting to order on May 14, 2019 at 12:21 p.m. The teleconference was public noticed April 15, 2018 in the Anchorage Daily News.
19	noticed April 15, 2018 in the Anchorage Daily News.
20	Voice Roll Call Vote:
21	Voice Roll Call Vote.
22	James Parietti
23	Mari-Margaret Celeste Tydingco
24	Keith Poorbaugh
25	Enlow Walker
26	Jennifer Carlson
27 28	Ruth Kostik
29	Robert Calhoon excused absence
30	Robert Cambon excused absence
31	Staff: Jun Maiguis, Regulations Specialist
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33	Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner
34	Dublic present telephonically
35	Public present telephonically:
36	Scotty Orr
37	Kristen Neville
38	Kristen Neville
39	This meeting was called to discuss proposed regulations and review written public comment for
10	those regulations. Ms. Kostik asked board members to affirm they had all read the public comment
11	received for these regulations.
12	received for these regulations.
13	Board members were pleased with the amount of written public comment discussed the comment.
14	with oppositional concerns.
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16	Some were concerned about language to repeal the requirement from 12 AAC 54.825 for a
17	therapist to be physically "in this state" to perform services for Alaska residents. Ms. Kostik

recapped about two sessions ago SB74 legislation passed. The board had been told by the division they must repeal the "in this state" regulations because they could not enforce it due to the law 08.84.120 enacted in physical therapy and occupational therapy statute which added:

Section **08.84.120** (c) The board may not impose disciplinary sanctions on a licensee for the evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment of a person through audio, video, or data communications when physically separated from the person if the licensee

- (1) or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care;
- (2) requests that the person consent to sending a copy of all records of the encounter to a primary care provider if the licensee is not the person's primary care provider and, if the person consents, the licensee sends the records to the person's primary care provider; and
- (3) meets the requirements established by the board in regulation.

Other correspondence expressed concerns for 12 AAC 54.710 for accepting, as proof of completion for continuing education certificates a recertification with the NBCOT to qualify the Alaska continuing education renewal requirement. It was agreed that some correspondence appeared to misunderstand that NBCOT recertification was an option and was not mandated. There was also concern from some who did not like the idea of having to pay a fee and rely on the national organization to determine the education versus the board reviewing the education certificates.

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer

Lieutenant Governor

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File No.: 2019200300

Thru: Susan R. Pollard

Tel. No.: 465-3600

Chief Assistant Attorney General Legislation and Regulations Section

From: Allison Radford

Assistant Attorney General

Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Regulations (12 AAC 54.030 - 12 AAC 54.915)

We have reviewed the attached regulations changes from the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. The regulations make updates to account for developments in the board's utilization of national performance standards and testing, and the enactment of the telemedicine bill, SB 74 (sec. 13 ch., 25 SLA 2016). Changes include allowing the board to approve an applicant taking the required examination upon receipt of a statement from the educational institution that the applicant is anticipated to meet graduation requirements. This appears to provide additional opportunities for applicants to take the examination needed for licensing.

We find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations.

The April 10, 2019 public notice and May 14, 2019 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

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cc: Honorable Julie Anderson, Commissioner

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Commercial, Fair Business, and Child Support Section

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board proposes to update various regulations regarding licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and to adopt by reference the updated checklists used for review of applications.

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 54 of the Alaska Administrative Code including the following:

- 1. 12 AAC 54.030. Requirements for physical therapy license by examination, is proposed to be changed to amend the requirements for a physical therapist or a physical therapy assistant license by examination.
- 2. 12 AAC 54.040. Foreign-trained physical therapy applicants, is proposed to add standardized tool for preceptors.
- 3. **12 AAC 54.080. Passing scores,** is proposed to amend the approved examination body and provide opportunity for additional course work options accredited by a national accreditation agency.
- 4. 12 AAC 54.420. Approved physical therapy courses and activities, is proposed to repeal the continuing education course or activity board approval request.
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- 6. 12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work, is proposed to remove obsolete language to align with national standards.
- 7. 12 AAC 54.710. Occupational therapy continuing education requirements, is proposed to be changed to amend the continuing education requirements for renewal of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant.
- 8. 12 AAC 54.715. Approved occupational therapy courses and activities, is proposed to repeal the continuing education course or activity board approval request.
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- 10. 12 AAC 54.915. Review of applications for temporary permit or limited permit, is proposed to be changed to update the checklists used for review of applications.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at http://notice.alaska.gov/193746, and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later

than 4:30 p.m. on May 10, 2019. Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jun Maiguis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and the Board's website on https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherap y.aspx. The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov not later than May 3, 2019 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or go to https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PHY-0319.pdf.

A copy of the material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the Board's office at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 08.84.010; AS 08.84.030; AS 08.84.032; AS 08.84.040; AS 08.84.060; AS 08.84.065; AS 08.84.075; AS 08.84.080; AS 08.84.100

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.84.010; AS 08.84.030; AS 08.84.032; AS 08.84.040; AS 08.84.060; AS 08.84.065; AS 08.84.075; AS 08.84.080; AS 08.84.100

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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Jun Maiguis, Regulations Specialist Division of Corporations, Business and

Professional Licensing

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in an occupation's regulations in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- Adopting agency: State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
- 2. General subject of regulation: Licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists.
- 3. Citation of regulation: 12 AAC 54.030 12 AAC 54.915.
- 4. Department of Law file number: To be assigned.
- 5. Reason for the proposed action: Update and clarification of current regulations; compliance with current statute.
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing #2360.
- 7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: None known. Another state agency: None known.

A municipality: None known.

- 8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): No costs are expected in FY 2019 or in subsequent years.
- 9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Telephone: (907) 465-2580

E-mail: connie.petz@alaska.gov

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907) 465-2537

11. Date: _______ Prepared by: ________ Jun Maiquis Regulations Specialist

STATE OF ALASKA)
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AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 12 AAC 54.030 through 12 AAC 54.915, dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists, has been given by being

- 1. published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- 2. furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
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- 5. furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
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- 7. posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1).

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to persons in (2), (4), and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

DATE: <u>5/21/19</u> Juneau, Alaska

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this

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My commission expires:



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AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being duly sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board regulations on dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists.

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AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Connie Petz, Licensing Examiner for the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, being duly sworn, state the following:

The attached motion dealing with licensure requirements, preceptor, reexamination, renewal, continuing education requirements, telerehabilitation practice, and checklists was passed by the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board during its May 14. 2019 teleconference meeting.

 $\frac{5.15-19}{\text{Juneau, Alaska}}$ Date:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15 day of May, 2019.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

Name	TYPE: PT PT/ METHOD: CRED	A □ OT □ OTA □ EXAM
PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL THERAP	Y ASSISTANT	
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Completed application file ready for board review	,	
Scheduled for examination		
Statement of responsibility		
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2	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY
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5	May 14, 2019
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8	a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy was held
9	333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor, Conference Room A, Juneau AK
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11	These draft minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and
12	Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.
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