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NEW YORK APPROVES NCBTMB AS CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSOR

NCBTMB Will Now Sponsor Approved CE Providers in New York

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (December 5, 2011) – The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) is an approved sponsor of continuing education (CE) for New York. Effective January 1, 2012, the New York State Education Department will require all massage therapists to obtain 36 hours of continuing education over the course of three years to renew their state license.

As a sponsor, NCBTMB has agreed to accept responsibility for the maintenance of Approved Provider records, distribution of certificates, course reviews and will track instructor's massage therapy licensure before granting sponsorship.

"We applaud New York for mandating continuing education for massage therapists," said NCBTMB CEO Mike Williams. "Continuing education is an essential element of advancing ones career and expertise. By participating in regular and meaningful CE, massage therapists demonstrate a commitment to their profession and to the health and safety of consumers."

NCBTMB advocates the highest standards of practice to advance the massage profession and recognizes that continuing education plays a vital role. All current Approved Providers operating in New York are welcome to apply under the NCBTMB sponsorship. Visit www.ncbtmb.org to download the [New York Approved Provider Agreement](#) form. Continuing Education Providers not yet approved by NCBTMB must submit an [Approved Provider Initial Application](#) for consideration.

ABOUT NCBTMB

NCBTMB was established in 1992 as an independent, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through two recognized credentialing programs. NCBTMB examinations are currently accepted or recognized in statute or rule by 38 states plus the District of Columbia. There are nearly 85,000 professionals with NCBTMB certification. NCBTMB's certification programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

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