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NCBTMB CONTINUES AS AN EXAMINATION PROVIDER FOR THE FLORIDA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (February 13, 2009) – The Florida Department of Health, Florida Board of Massage Therapy and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork, Inc. (“NCBTMB”) are pleased to announce that the parties will present settlement terms to the Board that will likely resolve the administrative challenge to Rule 64B7-25.001, FAC. The compromise, when fully implemented, will allow for two approved massage therapy examination providers in Florida: the NCBTMB and the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, counsel for the Florida Board of Massage Therapy will bring a proposal back before the Board at its April 2009 meeting to approve both examinations. NCBTMB Chair Neal Delaporta said, “We are very pleased that this matter could be amicably resolved by all involved. This understanding allows NCBTMB to continue its long and successful partnership with the State of Florida.”

The Florida Board of Massage Therapy still has to approve the agreement in principle at its April meeting.

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