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NCBTMB Announcement Concerning Distance Education/Kinesthetic Policy

Suspending instructor/proctor requirement for home study and DE programs

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (October 15, 2009) – The definition and delivery of continuing education (CE) continue to evolve rapidly in this country, and NCBTMB is committed to ensuring that its policies reflect current standards and best practices.

With this objective in mind, NCBTMB's Continuing Education Committee met in 2007 and proposed that distance education (DE) for kinesthetic (hands-on) programs require an instructor to be "present" for the final assessment of acquired skills. This policy was developed with the intent of serving the best interests of Approved Providers, certificants and consumers, and included a 3-year grace period for pre-existing courses and completed CE hours.

Based on input from the profession – as well as enhanced DE delivery methods – NCBTMB's Board of Directors will re-visit this policy during its Q4 Meeting. Until a final decision is reached and communicated to the profession, NCBTMB is suspending its instructor/proctor requirement for home study and DE programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wagley, Director of Communications, at jwagley@ncbtmb.org or 630-652-0483.

ABOUT NCBTMB

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) was established in 1992 as an independent, private, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through a recognized credentialing program. NCBTMB examinations are currently accepted or recognized in statute or rule by 35 states plus the District of Columbia. There are currently more than 90,000 professionals with NCBTMB certification. NCBTMB's certification programs have been accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

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