

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Newsletter

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Practice Act Revisions

Act 1471 was passed in the recent 2009 legislative session. Some amendments to the Physical Therapy Practice Act include:

- Addition of a definition of physical therapy to section 17-93-102.
- Addition of a definition of consultation by means of telecommunication to section 17-93-102.
- Added exemptions to licensure in section 17-93-301.
- Repealed section 17-93-305 regarding temporary permits.
- Modified section 17-93-308 regarding revocation, suspension, or denial of licensure.

The revised Physical Therapy Practice Act is available on the Board's website at www.arptb.org.

The Board is in the process of revising the Rules and Regulations.

Address Changes

Did you know that failure to notify the Board of an address change won't just lead to a delay in receiving correspondence from the board, but it is also a violation of the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Rules and Regulations?

Section VII requires all licensees to provide written notice of any change of address within ten working days of the change.

Many licensees incorrectly assume that notifying the post office of a new address is sufficient. The post office will not forward bulk mail such as renewal applications.

Address changes can be faxed to 501-228-0294, mailed to 9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR 72211 or emailed to arptb@sbcglobal.net.

2010 Renewal Applications

Renewal applications will be mailed by the end of December 2009. Licensees whose preference is email correspondence will receive an email with a link to the renewal application.

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2009**

Disciplinary Actions
July 2007 – November 2009



The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken by the Board since the last Newsletter was published. Complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's records.

Cornelius Lovelace, PT

Cornelius Lovelace failed to renew his license in March 2007, but continued to present himself as a physical therapist. Mr. Lovelace was offered a consent agreement in lieu of a hearing. He signed a consent agreement, renewed his license and paid a civil penalty.

Amy Stewart

The Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners took action against Amy Stewart for violations of supervision requirements and fraudulent documentation. Ms. Stewart was offered a consent agreement by the Arkansas State Board of Physical therapy in lieu of a hearing and accepted the agreement. The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy suspended Ms. Stewart's PTA license for the same period of time she was suspended in Louisiana.

Licensure Statistics
As of October 2009

Physical Therapists	1600
Physical Therapist Assistants	897
Total:	2497

A list of individuals failing to renew their physical therapist/physical therapist assistant license in 2009 is listed on the Board's website under "Board News".

To report practice without licensure, call 501-228-7100.
