EXPEDITED RULE MAKING



CR-105 (June 2024) (Implements RCW 34.05.353)

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Agency: Department of Health - Board of Physical Therapy

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) Physical therapy licensure compact - updating the reference date to match the most recent Physical Therapy Compact Commission rules. The Board of Physical Therapy (board) is proposing to update the effective date in WAC 246-915A-010 to match the date of the most recent Physical Therapy Compact rules per RCW 18.74.500 Article IX(2). This proposed amendment will update the effective date in WAC 246-915A-010 to June 17, 2024 in rule.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The purpose of this proposal is to update the effective date in Washington Administrative Code to the date of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission rules' most recent version, June 17, 2024. The Physical Therapy Compact Commission rules are not effective in Washington unless the board approves and adopts the rules.

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission rules, effective June 17, 2024, make the following changes:

- 1. Clarify the expiration date of the home state license and compact privilege.
- 2. Change the time frame of how long a compact privilege holder must report a change in home state from 30 days to 60 days.

Reasons supporting proposal: The board is proposing amendments to comply with RCW 18.74.500 Article IX(2), which mandates that the board must update the effective date of the compact rules in WAC 246-915A-010 to participate in the compact in the state of Washington.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.74.023 and 18.74.500 Article IX(2)					
Statute being in	nplemented:				
Is rule necessar	y because of a:				
Federal La	☐ Yes ⊠ No				
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State Cou	☐ Yes ⊠ No				
If yes, CITATION	l:				
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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to stamatters: None	tutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal				
Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was					
☐ Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;					
rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master p	e law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry				
□ Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;					
☐ Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;					
 □ Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or □ Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328. 					
Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was us	ed by the agency to file notice:				
☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;					
☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;					
☐ The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or					
☐ Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.					
Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4): The proposed amendments adopt by reference, without material change, the most recent version of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Commission rules updated on June 17, 2024. The proposed amendment updates the WAC to include the date of the most recent version of the compact.					
NOTICE					
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-11-116, filed 5/20/24, effective 5/20/24)

- WAC 246-915A-010 Physical therapy licensure compact—Compact commission rules. (1) The physical therapy licensure compact (compact) is established in Washington under RCW 18.74.500. Its purpose is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services.
- (2) The rules of the physical therapy compact commission, in effect as of June $((\frac{27}{2023}))$ $\frac{17}{2024}$, are adopted and incorporated by reference.
- (3) A copy of the rules is available for public inspection from the department of health at https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact or by calling the department of health's office of customer service at 360-236-4700.
- (4) A licensee may exercise a compact privilege as provided in RCW 18.74.500, Article IV. Applicable fees are set forth in WAC 246-915A-990.

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