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New Mexico Registered Massage Therapy Schools (Director, Administrator, and Instructors)

RE: Clarification of Massage Therapy Education (16.7.5 NMAC)

Dear Directors, Administrators, and Instructors,

The is to clarify that the minimum **Massage Therapy education** referenced in Paragraph 2 of Subsection B of 16.7.5.8 NMAC is limited to **massage therapy** as defined in 16-12C-3.E of the Massage Therapy Practice Act and Subsection E of 16.7.1.7 NMAC. Massage Therapy education does not include the education covered in Anatomy and Physiology or General Instruction.

Students are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of massage therapy education before they may begin Clinical Practicum, and the 100 hours of massage therapy education may include a combination of theory and hands-on training (example, draping techniques), however the hands-on training does not include training on the general public. The Massage Therapy education must be **directly** taught and supervised by a Registered Massage Therapy Instructor.

Please amend your intake form used for the Clinical Practicum to include a disclosure stating that the student has completed a minimum of 100 hours of massage therapy education prior to being allowed to train on the general public and that such training was directly supervised by a Registered Massage Therapy Instructor.

Please provide a copy of the amended intake form within two (2) weeks of receipt of this notice.

If you have any questions, please call (505) 476-7090 or email a message to MessageBoard@state.nm.us. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance.

Very truly yours,

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