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New Mexico Licensed Chiropractor

RE: Utilizing Massage Therapy Services

Dear New Mexico Licensed Chiropractor,

The New Mexico Massage Therapy Board hereby notifies all New Mexico licensed chiropractors that the practice of "massage therapy" is regulated in the State of New Mexico under the *Massage Therapy Practice Act*, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-12C-1 *et seq.*

Any person practicing "massage therapy", as defined by NMSA 1978, § 61-12C-3(E), must be licensed under the *Massage Therapy Practice Act* unless they qualify for one of the exemptions specified by NMSA 1978, § 61-12C-5.1.

If anyone in your office is practicing "massage therapy" without a massage therapist license and does not qualify under Section 61-12C-5.1 exemption, then the individual(s) must immediately cease and desist from practicing "massage therapy" until a proper license is obtained pursuant to the *Massage Therapy Practice Act*.

We have enclosed a copy of NMSA 1978, § 61-12C-3.E and § 61-12C-5.1 for your information and review.

Please visit the Massage Therapy Board's website at www.rld.state.nm.us/b&c/massage for the full text of the *Massage Therapy Practice Act* and Administrative Rules. The website also offers helpful information for anyone interested in seeking a massage therapy license including downloadable applications and forms.

You may also call (505) 476-7090 or send an email message to MessageBoard@state.nm.us, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance.

Very truly yours,

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