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To: PT and PTA Licensees **July 28, 2009**
From: NM Board of Physical Therapy
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With the rule changes having gone into effect August 1, 2009, it is important that you understand the process that will transition all licensees who were licensed prior to August 1, 2009, into a biennial renewal cycle.

If your license number ends with an even number, you should expect to renew your license in 2010 with 20 contact hours in addition to paying the two (2) year renewal fee as listed below, which covers a two-year period. You will not need to renew until 2012 at which time you will be required to have 30 contact hours (15 for each year), and pay the biennial renewal fee thereafter.

If your license number ends in an odd number, you will have to renew in 2010 and 2011. In 2010 you will renew with 20 contact hours and pay the one (1) year renewal fee as listed below. In 2011 you will renew with 15 contact hours and pay the two (2) year renewal fee as listed below, which will renew your license until 2013 at which time you will be required to have 30 contact hours (15 for each year), and pay the biennial renewal fee thereafter.

New fee schedule for renewals:

PT's: \$80 1 year \$160 2 years **PTA's:** \$60 1 year \$120 2 years

Licensees who were licensed between February 1, 2009 and July 31, 2009 (prior to the rule change) will be required to renew according to the information listed in paragraphs two or three above, and you must meet the continuing education contact hours, which are prorated the first year of licensure, according to the month licensed:

- (1) February: 20 contact hours
- (2) March: 18 contact hours
- (3) April: 17 contact hours
- (4) May: 15 contact hours
- (5) June: 13 contact hours
- (6) July: 12 contact hours

Effective August 1, 2009, all initial licenses issued between August 1, 2009, and January 31, 2010, will be valid until February 1, 2011 at which time 15 contact hours will be required for renewal.

For additional information on the most current rule change, please refer to the *Rules and Law* which can be found at the New Mexico Board of Physical Therapy website at www.rld.state.nm.us/physicaltherapy or contact the Board office at (505) 476-4880 or by email at physicaltherapy@state.nm.us.

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