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**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
NOTICE REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AND  
FIRST AID AND CARDIOPULOMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) REQUIREMENTS**

Massage therapists licensed in New Mexico by the New Mexico Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”), pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-12C-9 and Rules 16.7.1.4 and 16.7.1.11, who are renewing their licenses for the 2020 and/or 2021 renewal periods, are granted a six (6) month extension in order to fulfill their continuing education (CE) credits and First Aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) requirement as long as the COVID-19 public health order is in place.

Upon the lifting of the public health order, licensees who have not fulfilled their CE and/or First Aid and CPR requirements for the 2020, and/or 2021 renewal cycles will be notified via email by the Board that they have six (6) months from the date the public health order is lifted to submit proof of their outstanding CE and/or First Aid and CPR requirements. Failure to comply with the six (6) month extension may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

Pursuant to Rule 16.7.4.9(F) NMAC, a renewing massage therapist licensee may satisfy the First Aid and CPR requirement in either one of the following ways:

1. Attend an in-person course, if available;
2. Attend an online course; or
3. Attend an in-person course within six (6) months of the lifting of the executive order and public health orders related to COVID-19 (see above).

Note: Completion of the First Aid and CPR course online does not apply to those obtaining initial licensure. *See* Rule 16.7.4.9(F) NMAC.

Licensing-related questions should be directed to the Board of Massage Therapy at [massage.board@state.nm.us](mailto:massage.board@state.nm.us) or 505-476-4622. *Please note this notice pertains only to CE and First Aid and CPR requirements for the 2020, and 2021 renewal cycles.*

To review up-to-date public health and executive orders, click [here](#). Please note school closures can occur at any time in accordance with orders issued by the Department of Health and Office of the Governor.

Sincerely,

*Susan Andrews*

Board Chair

The Board of Massage Therapy