

Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure

Public Act 55 of 2009 was officially recognized by the Secretary of State's Office on June 25, 2009. This amends the Public Health Code to provide for the licensure of physical therapist assistants. This bill was effective on June 25, 2009.

Before licenses can be issued to physical therapist assistants, administrative rules must be promulgated. The Department of Community Health, in consultation with the Board of Physical Therapy, will develop administrative rules that establish the minimum standards for licensure for physical therapist assistants. However, in the interim, the law does provide for the issuance of limited physical therapist assistant licenses provided the applicant is either a graduate of a physical therapist assistant education program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or an educational program that is determined to be equivalent to a CAPTE accredited physical therapist assistant program. Applications for the limited physical therapist assistant license can be downloaded by going to:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/cis_fhs_bhser_ptaltdpkt_292578_7.pdf

No limited physical therapist assistant licenses will be issued after December 31, 2010. In order to practice as a physical therapist assistant in Michigan on or after January 1, 2011, you must hold either a limited or full physical therapist assistant license.