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Inter-governmental Memorandum

To: Massachusetts Local Public Health Officials
From: Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
Date: September 24, 2008

Re: Massage Therapy Establishment Regulations and Application Processing

As you are aware, Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2006 transferred the regulatory authority for all aspects of the massage therapy profession from individual towns and municipalities to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, i.e. the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy ("Board"). Hence, in January 2008, the Board promulgated regulations and consequently commenced processing of individual massage therapist applications. To date, the Board has licensed approximately 6300 massage therapists.

On September 23, 2008, the emergency regulations governing establishment licensure were filed with the Secretary of State. Accordingly, the Board will begin processing establishment licensure applications immediately. Therefore, for regulatory compliance and to avoid disciplinary action for unlicensed operation of an establishment, massage establishments operating in your respective communities should be informed to immediately submit a completed establishment application with the appropriate processing fee and documentation. Application forms and all germane information, inclusive of the October 24 & 31 public hearings information, is available on the Board's website: www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/mt.

In advance, thank you for your attention in this matter. Likewise, many thanks for your continued cooperation and patience with the transfer of regulatory governance for massage therapy. Should you have additional questions, please call (617) 727-1747.

Sincerely,

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