





**TITLE 842 INDIANA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY****Final Rule**

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**DIGEST**

Amends [842 IAC 1-1-1](#) concerning definitions. Amends [842 IAC 1-1-2](#) concerning standards of practice. Amends [842 IAC 1-1-3](#) concerning accreditation of educational programs. Amends [842 IAC 1-2-1](#) concerning fees. Amends [842 IAC 1-3-1](#), [842 IAC 1-3-2](#), and [842 IAC 1-3-5](#), concerning licensure, Social Security numbers, and changing references to "committee" and "bureau". Amends [842 IAC 1-4-1](#), concerning license registrations and renewals, and to change references to "committee" and "bureau". Amends [842 IAC 1-4-2](#), concerning contact information of licensees, and to change the reference to "committee". Amends [842 IAC 1-4-3](#) concerning reinstatement of a delinquent license. Amends [842 IAC 1-5-1](#), [842 IAC 1-5-2](#), and [842 IAC 1-6-1](#) to change references to "committee". Amends [842 IAC 1-6-2](#) concerning professional conduct. Amends [842 IAC 1-7-2](#), concerning responsibilities of licensees, and to change references to "committee". Amends [842 IAC 1-7-4](#) to change references to "committee". Amends [842 IAC 1-7-5](#), concerning approved organizations for continuing competency courses, and to change references to "committee". Repeals [842 IAC 1-3-3](#) and [842 IAC 1-3-4](#). Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[842 IAC 1-1-1](#); [842 IAC 1-1-2](#); [842 IAC 1-1-3](#); [842 IAC 1-2-1](#); [842 IAC 1-3-1](#); [842 IAC 1-3-2](#); [842 IAC 1-3-3](#); [842 IAC 1-3-4](#); [842 IAC 1-3-5](#); [842 IAC 1-4-1](#); [842 IAC 1-4-2](#); [842 IAC 1-4-3](#); [842 IAC 1-5-1](#); [842 IAC 1-5-2](#); [842 IAC 1-6-1](#); [842 IAC 1-6-2](#); [842 IAC 1-7-2](#); [842 IAC 1-7-4](#); [842 IAC 1-7-5](#)

SECTION 1. [842 IAC 1-1-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[842 IAC 1-1-1](#) Definitions****Authority:** [IC 25-27-1-5](#)**Affected:** [IC 25-27-1-1](#); [IC 25-27-1-2](#); [IC 25-27-1-8](#); [IC 25-27-2-2](#)

Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this article.

(b) "Board" refers to the medical licensing board of Indiana.

(c) "Bureau" refers to the health professions bureau.

(d) "Committee" refers to the Indiana physical therapy committee.

**(b) "Agency" refers to the Indiana professional licensing agency.**

(e) **(c)** "Contact hour" means a unit of measure for a continuing competency activity. One (1) contact hour equals at least fifty (50) minutes in a learning activity.

(f) **(d)** "Continuing **competence**" or "**continuing** competency means those continuing competency activities as used in ~~[844 IAC 6-8-1](#)~~. **competency** [sic]" has the meaning set forth in [IC 25-27-1-10\(11\)](#) [sic, [IC 25-27-1-1\(11\)](#)] and [IC 25-27-2-2\(5\)](#). The requirements for demonstrating continuing competence are set forth in [842 IAC 1-7-1](#).

(g) **(e)** "Direct supervision" means that the supervising physical therapist or physician at all times shall be available and under all circumstances shall be absolutely responsible for the direction and the actions of the person supervised when services are performed by the physical therapist's assistant or holder of a temporary permit issued under ~~[IC 25-27-1-8\(d\)](#)~~. For the holder of a temporary permit issued under ~~[IC 25-27-1-8\(d\)](#)~~, unless the supervising physical therapist or physician is on the premises to provide constant supervision, the holder of a temporary permit shall meet with the physical therapist or physician at least once each working day to review all patients' treatments. This meeting must include the actual presence of the physical therapist or physician and the holder of a temporary permit. The patient's care shall always be the responsibility of the supervising physical therapist or physician. Reports written by the holder of a temporary permit for inclusion in the patients' record shall





for public inspection at the office of the Health Professions Bureau, 402 West Washington Street, Room W066, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Copies of such standards are available from the American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or at <http://www.apta.org/Education/accreditation>. **for physical therapists is a professional physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or its successor. An approved program for physical therapist assistants is one that is accredited by CAPTE or its successor.**

(c) An educational program, or A graduate or candidate for graduation from an educational program, which is not on the list of approved programs, maintained by the committee, may apply to the committee board for approval by petition demonstrating that the educational program meets the committee's board's standards for approval of the accreditation agency identified in subsection (b).

(d) The committee board may remove an educational program from its list of approved programs upon the grounds that the educational program no longer meets its standards for approval of the accreditation agency identified in subsection (b).

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SECTION 4. [842 IAC 1-2-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[842 IAC 1-2-1](#) Fees**

**Authority:** [IC 25-1-8-2](#); [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-27-1-7](#)

Sec. 1. (a) The board shall charge and collect the following fees:

Application for licensure/certification	\$100
Application to repeat national examination	\$50
License/certification renewal	\$100 biennially
Temporary permit	\$50
Verification of licensure/certification	\$10
Duplicate wall license/certification	\$10
<b>Application for compact privilege</b>	<b>\$100 in addition to the Compact Commission fee established by the Physical Therapy Compact Commission</b>
<b>Compact privilege renewal</b>	<b>\$100 biennially in addition to the Compact Commission fee established by the Physical Therapy Compact Commission</b>

(b) Applicants required to take the national examination for licensure shall pay a fee directly to a professional examination service in the amount set by the examination service.

*(Indiana Board of Physical Therapy; [842 IAC 1-2-1](#); filed Feb 11, 2002, 4:35 p.m.: 25 IR 2247; readopted filed Oct 10, 2008, 8:57 a.m.: [20081105-IR-844080340RFA](#); readopted filed Dec 2, 2014, 10:09 a.m.: [20141231-IR-844140391RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 22, 2016, 12:11 p.m.: [20161221-IR-844160317RFA](#); readopted filed May 26, 2022, 9:18 a.m.: [20220622-IR-842220117RFA](#); filed Mar 23, 2023, 1:38 p.m.: [20230419-IR-842220353FRA](#)) NOTE: Transferred from the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ([844 IAC 6-2-2](#)) to the Indiana Board of Physical Therapy ([842 IAC 1-2-1](#)) by P.L.160-2019, SECTION 31, effective July 1, 2019.*

SECTION 5. [842 IAC 1-3-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**842 IAC 1-3-1 Licensure by endorsement**

**Authority:** [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

**Affected:** [IC 4-1-8-1](#); [IC 25-1-9](#); [IC 25-27-1](#)

Sec. 1. The ~~committee~~ **board** shall issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who completes the following:

- (1) Submits a sworn application in proper form.
- (2) Submits the fee specified in [844 IAC 6-2-2 842 IAC 1-2-1](#).
- (3) Presents satisfactory evidence that he or she does not have a conviction for an act, within or outside of this state, that would constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under [IC 25-1-9](#).
- (4) Has been certified by a written examination provided by the ~~committee~~ **board**. The uniform criterion-referenced passing score on the physical therapy and physical therapist's therapist assistant examinations, which has been adopted by the board of directors of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, is the required passing score. This criterion-referenced passing score shall be a scaled score of six hundred (600). If the applicant was licensed in a state that required an examination, other than an examination provided by the ~~committee~~ **board**, the ~~committee~~ **board** shall determine whether the applicant took and passed a postgraduate written examination substantially equivalent in content and difficulty to the examination adopted by the ~~committee~~ **board**.
- (5) Submits verification from all states in which the applicant has been or is currently licensed-certified. The verification must include a statement verifying whether the applicant has ever been disciplined in any manner.
- (6) Submits an official transcript of grades from a physical therapy school or physical therapist's therapist assistant school evidencing that the applicant is a graduate of a physical therapist or physical therapist's therapist assistant entry-level educational program that meets the requirements of [844 IAC 6-1-4 842 IAC 1-1-3](#) and that a degree has been conferred. If the transcript is not in English, the applicant must submit a certified copy of an official English translation. Graduates of a foreign physical therapy program must submit notarized copies of their transcripts if official transcripts are unavailable.
- ~~(7) Submits one (1) passport type quality photograph of the applicant taken within the last eight (8) weeks.~~
- ~~(8) (7) Submits the applicant's valid United States Social Security number.~~
- ~~(9) (8) Meets all other minimum requirements as specified in [IC 25-27-1](#).~~

*(Indiana Board of Physical Therapy; [842 IAC 1-3-1](#); filed Mar 10, 1983, 3:59 p.m.: 6 IR 774; filed Jun 11, 1984, 1:02 p.m.: 7 IR 1938; filed Aug 6, 1987, 3:00 p.m.: 10 IR 2732; filed Apr 5, 1990, 2:45 p.m.: 13 IR 1413; filed Sep 22, 1994, 4:30 p.m.: 18 IR 263; readopted filed Nov 9, 2001, 3:16 p.m.: 25 IR 1325; filed Aug 26, 2004, 10:20 a.m.: 28 IR 203; readopted filed Nov 17, 2010, 9:48 a.m.: [20101215-IR-844100405RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 22, 2016, 12:11 p.m.: [20161221-IR-844160317RFA](#); readopted filed May 26, 2022, 9:18 a.m.: [20220622-IR-842220117RFA](#); filed Mar 23, 2023, 1:38 p.m.: [20230419-IR-842220353FRA](#)) NOTE: Transferred from the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ([844 IAC 6-3-1](#)) to the Indiana Board of Physical Therapy ([842 IAC 1-3-1](#)) by P.L.160-2019, SECTION 31, effective July 1, 2019.*

SECTION 6. [842 IAC 1-3-2](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**842 IAC 1-3-2 Licensure by examination**

**Authority:** [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-1-9](#); [IC 25-27-1-6](#)

Sec. 2. (a) The ~~committee~~ **board** shall issue a license by examination to an applicant who completes the following:

- (1) Submits a sworn application in proper form.
- (2) Submits the fee specified in [844 IAC 6-2-2 842 IAC 1-2-1](#).
- (3) Presents satisfactory evidence that he or she does not have a conviction for an act, within or outside of this state, that would constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under [IC 25-1-9](#) and has not been the subject of a disciplinary action as stated in [IC 25-27-1-6\(a\)\(2\)](#).
- (4) Successfully completes the examination provided by the ~~committee~~ **board**. The uniform criterion-referenced passing score on the physical therapy or physical therapist's therapist assistant examination, which has been adopted by the board of directors of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, is the required passing score. This criterion-referenced passing score shall be a scaled score of six hundred (600).
- ~~(5) Submits one (1) passport type quality photograph of the applicant taken within the last eight (8) weeks.~~
- ~~(6) (5) Submits an official transcript of grades from a physical therapy or physical therapist's therapist~~

assistant school showing evidence that the applicant is a graduate of a physical therapy or a physical therapist's **therapist** assistant program that has been approved by the ~~committee~~ **board** under [844 IAC 6-1-4](#) [842 IAC 1-1-3](#) and that a degree has been conferred.

(7) (6) Submits a certified copy of an English translation of any document that is not in English.

(8) (7) Meets all other minimum requirements specified in [IC 25-27-1](#).

(b) The ~~committee~~ **board** may issue a license by examination to an applicant who has been educated as a physical therapist in a foreign country who submits the following:

(1) Information required by subsection (a).

(2) A certified copy of all academic records and an evaluation, from an accredited evaluation service approved by the ~~committee~~ **board**, of all academic records and credentials for the ~~committee's~~ **board's** consideration in determining educational equivalence, such equivalence to be determined by the ~~committee~~ **board**.

(c) For an applicant who has failed to pass the examination, in this state or any other state, the following apply:

(1) After the first attempt, the applicant may retake the examination at their first available opportunity.

(2) After the second attempt, the applicant must wait at least ninety (90) days before reapplying to take the licensure examination.

(3) After the third attempt or subsequent attempt, the applicant must wait at least one hundred eighty (180) days before reapplying to take the licensure examination.

**(4) An applicant for a license to practice physical therapy or for a certificate to act as a physical therapist assistant may take the respective examination not more than six (6) times.**

(4) (5) The applicant must pay the reexamination fee specified in ~~844 IAC 6-2-2~~ [842 IAC 1-2-1](#).

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SECTION 7. [842 IAC 1-3-5](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### [842 IAC 1-3-5](#) Social Security numbers

Authority: [IC 4-1-8-1](#); [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

Affected: [IC 25-27-1](#)

Sec. 5. (a) An applicant who applies for a license, certificate, or permit under [IC 25-27-1](#) must submit to the ~~committee~~ **board** the applicant's United States Social Security number.

(b) No application for a license, certificate, or permit will be approved before the Social Security number is submitted to the ~~committee~~ **board**.

(c) The ~~bureau~~ **agency** and the ~~committee~~ **board** will **only** release the applicant's Social Security number as provided in state or federal law.

(d) The ~~bureau~~ **agency** and the boards may allow access to the Social Security number of each person who holds a license, certificate, or permit issued under [IC 25-27-1](#) or has applied for a license, certificate, or permit under [IC 25-27-1](#) to the following:

(1) A testing service that provides the examination for licensure to the ~~bureau~~ **agency** or the boards.

(2) An individual state regulatory board or an organization composed of state regulatory boards for the applicant's or licensee's profession for the purpose of coordinating licensure and disciplinary activities between the individual states.

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(t) **(u)** Except as otherwise provided in these rules, a practitioner shall not contact or solicit individual members of the public personally or through an agent in order to offer services to such person or persons unless that individual initiated contact with the practitioner for the purpose of engaging that practitioner's professional services.

(u) **(v)** A practitioner may, whenever the practitioner believes it to be beneficial to the patient, and upon approval of the referring physician, podiatrist, psychologist, chiropractor, or dentist, **provider**, send or refer a patient to a qualified specific professional health care provider for treatment or health care that falls within the specific professional health care provider's scope of practice. Prior to any such referral, however, the practitioner shall examine or consult with, or both, the patient and the referring physician, podiatrist, psychologist, chiropractor, or dentist **provider** to ensure that a condition exists in the patient that would be within the scope of practice of the specific professional health care provider to whom the patient is referred or sent.

(v) A practitioner, upon:

- (1) his or her retirement;
- (2) discontinuation of the practice of physical therapy;
- (3) leaving or moving from a community;

shall not sell, convey, or transfer for valuable consideration, remuneration, or anything of value patient records of that practitioner to any other practitioner.

(w) A practitioner, upon:

- (1) retiring from private practice;
- (2) discontinuation of the private practice of physical therapy;
- (3) leaving or moving from a community;

shall notify all of his or her active patients in writing, or by publication once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the community, that he or she intends to discontinue his or her practice of physical therapy in the community and shall notify the referring physician, podiatrist, psychologist, chiropractor, or dentist of each active patient. The practitioner discontinuing his or her practice shall make reasonable arrangements with his/her active patients for the transfer of his/her records, or copies thereof, to the referring physician, podiatrist, psychologist, chiropractor, or dentist who shall make the records, or copies thereof, available to the succeeding practitioner or to a program conducted by a professional society or association.

(x) As used herein, "active patient" applies and refers to a person whom the practitioner has:

- (1) examined;
- (2) treated;
- (3) cared for; or
- (4) otherwise consulted with;

during the two (2) year period prior to retirement, discontinuation of the practice of physical therapy, or leaving or moving from a community.

**(w) The practitioner shall give reasonable written notice to an active patient or those responsible for the patient's care when the practitioner withdraws from a case so that another practitioner may be employed by the patient or by those responsible for the patient's care. A practitioner shall not abandon a patient [sic, patient]. As used in this section, "active patient" means a person whom the practitioner has examined, cared for, or otherwise consulted with, during the two (2) year period prior to retirement, discontinuation of practice, or leaving or moving from the community.**

**(x) A practitioner who withdraws from a case, except in emergency circumstances, shall, upon written request, make available to the license holder's patient all records, test results, histories, diagnoses, files, and information relating to said patient which are in the practitioner's custody, possession, or control, or copies of such documents herein before described.**

(y) A practitioner shall not base his fee upon the uncertain outcome of a contingency, whether such contingency be the outcome of litigation or any other occurrence or condition that may or may not develop, occur, or happen.

(z) A practitioner shall not attempt to exonerate himself or herself from or limit his or her liability to a patient for

his or her personal malpractice except that a practitioner may enter into agreements that contain informed, voluntary releases or waivers of liability, or both, in settlement of a claim made by a patient or by those responsible for a patient's care.

(aa) A practitioner shall not attempt to preclude, prohibit, or otherwise prevent the filing of a complaint against him or her by a patient or other practitioner for any alleged violation of this title, [IC 25-27-1](#) et seq., or any other law.

(bb) A practitioner shall maintain adequate patient records.

(cc) A practitioner shall not interfere with, or refuse to cooperate in, an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by willful misrepresentation of facts or the use of threats or harassment against any patient or witness to prevent them from providing evidence in a disciplinary proceeding or any legal action.

(dd) A practitioner shall not aid or abet a person not licensed or certified in this state who directly or indirectly performs activities requiring a license or certificate.

(ee) A practitioner shall not practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist's **therapist** assistant when physical or mental abilities are impaired by the use of:

- (1) controlled substances;
- (2) other habit-forming drugs;
- (3) chemicals; or
- (4) alcohol.

(ff) A practitioner shall not engage in the performance of substandard care due to a deliberate or negligent act or failure to act regardless of whether there was actual injury to the patient.

(gg) A practitioner shall not engage in sexual misconduct, including the following:

- (1) Making sexual advances.
- (2) Requesting sexual favors.
- (3) Engaging in verbal conduct or physical contact of a sexual nature with patients **or** clients. ~~or coworkers.~~

(hh) A practitioner who has been convicted of a felony, or who has pled no contest or any other finding of guilt as to such felony, in this or any other state, territory, or country, which demonstrates impaired judgment or risk to the public in the practitioner's future provision of physical therapy service, may be deemed to be in violation of this section.

(ii) Failure to comply with the above standards of professional conduct and competent practice of physical therapy may result in disciplinary proceedings against the offending practitioners. Further, all practitioners licensed in Indiana shall be responsible for having knowledge of these standards of conduct and practice.

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SECTION 15. [842 IAC 1-7-2](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### **[842 IAC 1-7-2](#) Responsibilities of licensees**

**Authority:** [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-27-1](#)

Sec. 2. A license or certificate holder shall do the following:

- (1) Certify completion of continuing competency activities required by this rule at the time of license or certification renewal.
- (2) Retain verification of completion of continuing competency activities required by this rule for three (3) years after the last renewal date.
- (3) Present proof of completion of continuing competency activities required by this rule at the request of the ~~committee in a format that is verifiable~~ **board on a form that is approved** by the ~~committee board~~.

(Indiana Board of Physical Therapy; [842 IAC 1-7-2](#); filed Jan 30, 2013, 12:31 p.m.: [20130227-IR-844120204FRA](#); readopted filed Nov 22, 2016, 12:11 p.m.: [20161221-IR-844160317RFA](#); readopted filed May 26, 2022, 9:18 a.m.: [20220622-IR-842220117RFA](#); filed Mar 23, 2023, 1:38 p.m.: [20230419-IR-842220353FRA](#)) NOTE: Transferred from the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana ([844 IAC 6-8-2](#)) to the Indiana Board of Physical Therapy ([842 IAC 1-7-2](#)) by P.L.160-2019, SECTION 31, effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 16. [842 IAC 1-7-4](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[842 IAC 1-7-4](#) "Category I continuing competency activities" and "category II continuing competency activities" defined**

**Authority:** [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-1-4-0.2](#)

Sec. 4. (a) As used in this rule, "category I continuing competency activities" includes the following and must be at least one (1) contact hour in length and be relevant to the practice of physical therapy:

- (1) Formally organized courses.
- (2) Workshops.
- (3) Seminars.
- (4) Symposia.
- (5) Home study programs, including approved computer, audio, and video instructional programs, designed by ~~committee approved~~ **board approved** organizations and subject to ~~committee board~~ verification and approval procedures.
- (6) Approved "for credit" courses that are related to the practice of physical therapy from an approved organization as defined in [IC 25-1-4-0.2](#).

(b) The following conversion will be used for category I continuing competency credit:

- (1) One (1) semester hour equals fifteen (15) contact hours.
- (2) One (1) quarter hour equals ten (10) contact hours.
- (3) One (1) trimester hour equals twelve and one-half (12.5) hours.

(c) As used in this rule, "category II continuing competency activities" includes the following:

- (1) Professional research/writing. A licensee or certificate holder may receive continuing competency credit for publication of scientific papers, abstracts, or review articles in peer-reviewed and other professional journals; publication of textbook chapters; and poster or platform presentations at conferences sponsored by any approved entity up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium. The following conversion will be used for continuing competency credit:
  - (A) Ten (10) hours for each refereed article.
  - (B) Three (3) hours for each nonrefereed article, abstract of published literature, or book review.
  - (C) Eight (8) hours for each published textbook chapter.
  - (D) Five (5) hours for each poster or platform presentation or review article.
- (2) Teaching as an adjunct responsibility at an accredited PT or PTA program. Two (2) hours of credit for each academic credit hour awarded by the accredited PT or PTA program for the first time the course is taught up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium.
- (3) Participation as a presenter in an approved workshop, continuing education course, seminar, or symposium. Two (2) contact hours for each one (1) hour of presentation for first event, with a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium.
- (4) Supervision of physical therapist students or physical therapist's **therapist** assistant students from accredited programs in full-time clinical internships or residency programs. One (1) contact hour for every **every** *[sic]* forty (40) hours of supervision with a maximum of ten (10) contact hours per biennium.
- (5) In-house or in-service seminars related to the practice of physical therapy. One (1) credit hour for each



hour of in-service. Maximum of four (4) hours per biennium. Documentation shall consist of a description of the topic, date, duration, and the name of the presenter.

(6) Actively participating with professional organizations related to the practice of physical therapy, with one (1) credit hour for each six (6) months service as an officer, delegate, or committee **board** member, for a maximum of six (6) hours per biennium.

(7) Certification of clinical specialization by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) or another organization approved by the Indiana physical therapy ~~committee~~ **board**: ten (10) hours maximum per biennium. Credit may be awarded only in the year that certification or recertification is obtained.

(8) Certificate of Advanced Proficiency for the PTA by the APTA: five (5) hours maximum per biennium to be awarded. Credit may be awarded only in the year that certification or recertification is obtained.

(9) Attendance at INAPTA state or district meetings that are at least one (1) hour in length, for a maximum of one (1) hour per meeting, for a maximum of four (4) hours per biennium.

(10) Other scholarly or educational, or both, activities related to the practice or management of physical therapy and not described above, with approval from the ~~committee~~ **board**.

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SECTION 17. [842 IAC 1-7-5](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### **[842 IAC 1-7-5](#) Approved organizations; standards for approval**

**Authority:** [IC 25-1-4](#); [IC 25-27-1-5](#)

**Affected:** [IC 25-1-4-0.2](#); [IC 25-27-1](#)

Sec. 5. (a) In addition to those approved organizations approved under [IC 25-1-4-0.2](#), the following organizations are approved organizations for the purpose of approving and sponsoring continuing competency courses without making further application to the ~~committee~~ **board**:

(1) American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

(2) American Physical Therapy Association Indiana Chapter (~~INAPTA~~). (**APTA Indiana**).

(3) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

~~(4) United States Department of Education.~~

~~(5) Council on Postsecondary Education.~~

~~(6) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.~~

~~(7) Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations.~~

~~(8) Federal, state, and local governmental agencies.~~

~~(9) A national, state, district, or local organization that operates as an affiliated entity under the approval of any organization listed in subdivisions (1) through (8).~~

~~(10) A college or other teaching institution accredited by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Education or a regional accreditation association.~~

**(4) A national, state, district, or local organization that operates as an affiliated entity under the approval of any organization listed in the [sic] subdivisions (1) through (3).**

(b) The ~~committee~~ **board** will approve continuing competency activities if it determines that the activity:

(1) contributes directly to professional competency;

(2) relates directly to the practice, management, or education of physical therapy practitioners; and

(3) is conducted by individuals who have demonstrated expertise in the subject matter of the program.

Prior approval by the ~~committee~~ **board** is not required for the aforementioned approved organizations. Proof of content shall be demonstrated by the original workshop or conference brochure, agenda, or materials given to participants during the presentations and evidence of successful completion of the course provided by the course instructor, such as certificate of completion or signed agenda indicating completion.

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SECTION 18. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED: [842 IAC 1-3-3](#); [842 IAC 1-3-4](#).

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