

# Maryland Renewal Reminder

To: Maryland Massage Therapists (LMTs & RMPs)  
From: MD Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners  
Re: **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR MESSAGE RENEWAL**

Your massage license/registration renewal for the 2010-2012 biennial period is coming due 10/31/10. Renewals will be done solely online through an automated database this year and in the future, including payments via credit card. Renewal access will be through our website at [www.mdmassage.org](http://www.mdmassage.org). You will receive a renewal letter in August/September with details on accessing/processing your renewal application online.

All applicants must report their completed CEUs during renewal. Audited licensees and registration holders **MUST PRODUCE WRITTEN PROOF OF COMPLETION OF CEUs** (minimum of 24; including 3 in communicable disease AIDS/HIV and 3 in Ethics or Jurisprudence. In addition, ALL must hold an active Provider Level CPR Certification). **ALL CEU COURSES MUST BE BOARD PRE-APPROVED TO OBTAIN CREDIT**; only live, online & take-home courses that are Board Pre-approved are authorized for credit. You should be getting your CEUs in order NOW to avoid renewal delays. No one will be renewed without CEUs, no extensions or waivers will be granted, and **NO ONE MAY PRACTICE WITHOUT A RENEWED LICENSE OR REGISTRATION**. Call the Deputy Director, Ms. Congo at 410-764-2965 with any renewal or CEU questions.

*Kay B. O'Hara, D.C.*  
Board President

10.43.20.02  
The Board shall approve credit for the following:  
Courses approved by NCBTMB  
Courses offered MHEC  
Or courses determined by the Board....

The term "provider" level CPR refers to CPR for healthcare professionals such as the AHA Basic Life Support-(BLS)CPR for healthcare professionals

- **Please note** that the reminder postcard was a brief snapshot of the requirements in an abbreviated version; it was not intended to be misleading or confusing. Its' intent was to briefly remind licensees/registrants of the upcoming renewal and the key areas of which to be cognizant in preparing for this biennial renewal.
- The Board would hope that our website highlighting our current laws and regulations would be a resource to our Massage Therapy community to become acquainted and familiarize with the current laws and regulations and information governing their profession.
- The CEU regulation in issue (COMAR 10.43.20.02) provides that all courses must be Board approved and that the Board "shall approve credit... courses approved by the NCBTMB, courses offered by Maryland schools accredited by MHEC; or courses determined by the Board to meet professional standards and educational needs for licensed massage therapist and registered massage practitioners. Therefore whether it is NCBTMB or MHEC which have already been approved/accepted by the Board based on the current regulations or courses submitted for approval review as outlined in COMAR COMAR10.43.20.04; to which the Board makes a decision; they all fall under the guise of Board pre-approval.
- In regard to the term "provider level CPR," you are correct that the language is not currently specified in COMAR for massage licensees and registrants. While not required, it is the Board's hope that provider certification will be achieved as it is the highest level of CPR certification under basic life support that is intended for licensed healthcare professionals and clinical technicians who have a duty to provide the highest level of CPR to patients/clients of all ages.