

Minnesota Department of Physical Therapy

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 5601. Revisor's ID Number RD4066.

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in the State of Minnesota. The Board is considering rules that describe the collaboration requirements for physical therapists who have practiced less than one year, as referenced in Minn. Stat. §148.75(a)(9) and Minn. Stat. §148.76, subd. 2(b). Additionally, the Board is considering rules that modify continuing competence requirements, as well as “housekeeping” modifications to the Code of Ethical Practice.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules will affect physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 148.66(1) and 148.74 authorizes the Board to adopt rules necessary to administer and enforce sections [148.65](#) to [148.78](#).

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Board intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Board has drafted the possible rules amendments. A draft of the possible changes to rules is available on the Board website at www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to:

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TTY users may call the Department at 1-800-627-3529.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding

to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: March 14, 2014

Signed by Stephanie Lunning, PT
Executive Director
Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy