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NOTICE

Stakeholder Meeting To Receive Input Regarding

Massage Therapy Rule 4, Rule 5 and Rule 13 (3 CCR 722-1)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:30 p.m. (MST)

1560 Broadway, Room 1250C, Denver, CO 80202

A webcast of the Stakeholder Meeting will be available. Please register to participate in the meeting via webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9024779727035040515>

What is this about?

The Office of Massage Therapy Licensure will convene a Stakeholder Meeting to summarize and take comments on proposed changes to current Rules 4 and 5 and a new Rule 13. The changes to Rules 4 clarify the requirements by which applicants who are licensed or registered to practice massage therapy in another state, territory or foreign country can become licensed in Colorado and prove competency. The Director must determine for those out-of-state applicants that the qualifications for a massage therapy license or registration in that other state, territory, or foreign country are substantially equivalent to those in Colorado. The changes to Rule 4 detail how the Director determines “substantially equivalent.” Additionally, the amendments streamline the continuing education requirement for these applicants. The streamlined continuing education requirement is also reflected in Rule 5. Rule 13 is a new rule which provides for the record keeping requirements when breast massage is conducted. It also will be summarized and open for comment.

Why does the Director need my help?

We need your help to identify how the revisions to the Massage Therapy Rules affect consumer outcomes, positive or negative. The Director will use your feedback to draft rule revisions and additions for consideration during the formal rulemaking proceeding. Your opinions and recommendations will help shape any final revisions of the Director’s Rules.

How do I submit my comments and what is the deadline?

We will hold a Stakeholder Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at 1560 Broadway, Room 1250C, Denver, CO, 80202. Stakeholder input will be limited to discussion of Rule 4, 5, 13, and their impact. Oral comments will be taken from participants who are present in-person or participating via webinar. If you cannot make the meeting in-person or wish to make written rather than oral comments, you may email your written comments to dora_massagetherapists@state.co.us. We must receive your written comments by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to include them in the official record.

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Will my comments become part of the official record for rulemaking?

Yes, we will incorporate your comments into the official record when the Director commences with rulemaking. Staff will identify your comments as information received in anticipation of rulemaking to support the development of a proposed draft rule revision. Please note that you will have an additional opportunity to provide testimony and/or written comments regarding rules at the Rulemaking Hearing.

May I invite others?

YES! If you know of any person or persons who may be interested in providing feedback, please do not hesitate to forward this information.

What if I need additional Information?

If you have any questions or concerns about stakeholder input, please send them to dora massagetherapists@state.co.us. If additional information becomes available, it will be posted on the [Office of Massage Therapy Licensure website](#) prior to the meeting.

