



Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists

Meeting Agenda September 10, 2025 at 8:00am MT

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1. Roll Call - CCMT Representatives in Attendance

- ☒ Cobi Clark, AMTA-Colorado Chapter Government Relations Director
- ☒ Shelly Cox, AMTA-Colorado Chapter President
- ☒ Christine Hooper, AMTA National Program Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
- ☐ Jada Thompson, AMTA National - Government Relations
- ☒ Erin Haden, ABMP Government Relations Coordinator
- ☒ Laura Puryear, ABMP Government Relations Director
- ☒ Garin Vorthmann, Colorado Legislative Services - state lobbyist
- ☒ Caroline Woodhouse, Colorado Legislative Services
- ☒ Kris Will, Education Director - Colorado School of Healing Arts
- ☐ Chris Smith, School Director – Colorado School of Healing Arts
- ☒ Bonnie Chan, CCMT Volunteer & AMTA-Colorado Chapter Secretary

2. State legislation

- **Rule 18: Medical Fee Schedule** - Medical Colorado Department of Labor and Employment DOWC (Division of Workers' Compensation) has proposed changes to Rule 18. A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:30 am MT. Email thread from concerned parties of massage therapists and acupuncturists sent to CLS for review and further action.
<https://cdle.colorado.gov/dwc/attorneys/workers-compensation-proposed-and-adapted-rules>
- There was a special session to address a state budget gap of \$783 Million budget due to cuts at the Federal level. Five bills raised state revenue by \$28 Million. Budget balanced. There was discussion about a previous AI bill where the implementation date was pushed out.
- **HB1371:** Requires background checks (fingerprinting) by local governments for licensing in addition to existing state-level background checks. Previous bill SB146 cleaned up language and pushed out implementation by local governments by one year to July 2026. CCI and CML are working to make language in HB1371 optional for local governments because local governments don't all have the resources to create a licensing program which is required for fingerprinting. In very early conversations to change the language of HB1371.

3. National legislation

- AMTA/ABMP will continue to monitor activities including interstate compacts, online core education, internships, and apprenticeships
- \$25,000 tax break starting in 2028 tax year. IRS is still working on details. Talk to a tax professional for more details.
- CAMTC sunset date in California extended until 2028.

- AMBP is working with AMTA to push for licensing in Minnesota. Working on a PR approach.
- 4. County and local establishment licensing ordinance update**
- No reports

Proposed agenda for next meeting

1. State legislation update
2. National legislation update
3. County and local establishment ordinance update

Next meeting: October 8, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. MT

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ABOUT CCMT

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists (CCMT) is a collaboration of representatives of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP), and Colorado massage schools.

American Massage Therapy Association - AMTA - National and Colorado Chapter

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Volunteer Opportunities

Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day is open to all LMT volunteers for coordination, recruitment, and participation

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