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Physical Therapy Compact Commission Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission is requesting public comment on the proposed amendments to its Rules. Pursuant to Section 9 of the Physical Therapy Compact, the Commission is required to post this Notice at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which the Rules will be considered and voted upon by the Commission.

PUBLICATION DATE:

10/31/2025

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED RULES OR AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULES:

| Rule | Summary of Changes |
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| 1.1 | Adds a definition of "significant investigatory information" |
| 3.12 | Adds a new rule governing termination of a compact privilege by the PT Compact Commission |
| 4.1 | Amends the military definitions regarding what can qualify as the home state for an active-duty military member or their spouse |
| 6.7 | Amends the rule to clarify what qualifies as investigative information significant enough to warrant notification to the Commission |

TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

A copy of the proposed amendments is attached to this Notice.

MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION:

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission will consider and vote on the adoption of the attached amendments to its Rules at its public meeting on December 10, 2025. The meeting will take place virtually at 1:00 p.m. ET.

DEADLINE AND PROCESS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM, ET, on December 5, 2025. All comments or intentions to attend the Commission meeting should be submitted electronically by the deadline to info@ptcompact.org. All comments must be provided in a single file and must include the name of the submitter, any organization the submitter represents, and the rule number(s) the comments address. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible, please contact the PT Compact Commission using the contact information below for special instructions.

REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to Section 9 of the Physical Therapy Compact, the PT Compact Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rules changes if a hearing is requested by:

1. At least twenty-five (25) persons;
2. A state or federal governmental subdivision or agency; or
3. An association having at least twenty-five (25) members.

If one of the three standards above is met, the Commission will hold a hearing on the proposed rules at its public meeting on December 10, 2025. The meeting will take place virtually at 1:30 PM, ET.

All requests for a public hearing must be submitted electronically to info@ptcompact.org by 5:00 PM, ET, on December 5, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey M. Rosa, Compact Administrator, by email at administrator@ptcompact.org or by telephone at 703-299-3100 ext. 239 or at 124 West Street South, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314-2825.

Proposed 2025 Draft Amendments to PT Compact Commission Rules

Please note that additions are indicated by red underlined text. Deletions are indicated by ~~red strikethrough~~ text. Black text is existing unchanged text.

Rule 1.1 – Definitions

Reason: To add a definition of “significant investigatory information” to clarify when member boards are required to indicate the availability of investigative information

Proposed Amendment:

For the purpose of the rules adopted by the Physical Therapy Compact Commission, the following definitions shall apply:

- (A) “Adverse action” means a publicly available disciplinary action taken against a license or compact privilege by a Licensing Board. Adverse action does not include non-disciplinary remediation required by the Licensing Board.
- (B) “Alternative program” means any non-disciplinary monitoring program intended to remediate the licensee that is not a matter of public record and to which a Licensing Board refers a licensee, or of which the Licensing Board is aware of the licensee’s participation.
- (C) “Applying for a license” means the individual has submitted an application for licensure to the Licensing Board or requested that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy transfer the individual’s National Physical Therapy Examination score to the Licensing Board.
- (D) “Board administrator” means an individual serving as administrative staff to a member state’s physical therapy licensing board.
- (E) “Commission” means the Physical Therapy Compact Commission.
- (F) “Compact” or “Physical Therapy Compact” means the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
- (G) “Compact Administrator” shall be synonymous with “executive director” referenced in Section 7.G. of the Compact.
- (H) “Denied” means a decision of a licensing board to refuse to issue, reinstate, or renew a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license that is reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
- (I) “Encumbrance” means any action taken by the Licensing Board that limits the practice or work of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. An encumbrance may be disciplinary or non-disciplinary in nature.
- (J) “Expired” means the status of a license or compact privilege that is not active and includes a license with a status of “lapsed” or “non-renewed.” A compact privilege that is not renewed before the expiration date shall automatically expire on that date and not after any grace period ends.
- (K) “FSBPT ID” means the identification number assigned by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy to all individuals in the Exam, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database.
- (L) “Home state” means a person’s true, fixed, and permanent home and is the place where the person intends to remain indefinitely, and to which the person expects to return if absent without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere.
- (M) “Initial” means each and every new Compact Privilege issued to an individual, even if a prior Compact Privilege was held in the same state.
- (N) “License” means the authorization from the state to practice as a physical therapist or to work as a physical therapist assistant. For purposes of the Compact, a certification for a physical therapist assistant is synonymous with “license.”

(O) "Licensing Board" means the agency of a state that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

(P) "Member state" means a state that has enacted the Compact.

(Q) "Non-member state" means a state that has not enacted the Compact.

(R) "Party state" means any member state where the individual currently holds, or has ever held a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license or compact privilege or is applying for a license or compact privilege.

(S) "Recognized National Exam" as referenced in Section 3.A.6 of the Compact means the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

(T) "Significant investigatory information" means:

(1) Investigative information that a Licensing Board has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proven true, would indicate more than a minor infraction. This would occur after the Licensing Board conducts an inquiry or investigation that includes notification and an opportunity for the licensee to respond, if required by state law; or

(2) Investigative information that indicates that the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant has been notified and had an opportunity to respond.

Significant investigative information does not include investigations for practicing without a license or compact privilege for up to 30 days, practicing on an expired license or compact privilege for up to 30 days, and/or continuing education/continuing competence violations.

(U) "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America that regulates the practice of physical therapy.

New Rule 3.12 – Grounds for Compact Privilege Termination

Reason: To establish the grounds where the PT Compact Commission may terminate a compact privilege and to establish an appeals process when the compact privilege is terminated.

Proposed New Rule:

(A) A compact privilege may be terminated by the Commission when there is sufficient evidence that the compact privilege holder has engaged in acts including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Fraud, deception, or misrepresentation in applying or renewing a compact privilege;

(2) Failure to satisfy requirements or meet eligibility criteria related to obtaining or maintaining a compact privilege;

(3) Failure to provide requested information to the Commission in the specified timeframe; or

(4) Failure to comply with Commission Rules and/or Policies and Procedures.

(B) Upon termination of a compact privilege by the Commission, the compact privilege holder will be notified electronically of the grounds for termination, along with the method and deadline for appealing the termination decision.

(1) The individual shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the notice to request an appeal. If no appeal is filed in a timely manner, then the action is final.

(2) If the appeal is filed in a timely manner, the appeal will be heard by the Appeals Committee. The Committee shall issue a decision on the appeal within thirty (30) business days of receipt of the appeal request. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

Rule 4.1 – Home State Designation

Reason: To clarify what can qualify as the “home state” for active-duty military and their spouses

Proposed Amendment

(A) For the purposes of Section 5. of the Compact, the following definitions shall apply:

~~(1)(A)~~ “Home of record” means the state in which the military member entered the military, for purposes of the Compact only, the active duty military personnel’s State of Legal Residence on record with the military.

~~(2)(B)~~ “Permanent Change of State” or “PCS” means the state of the duty station to which the active duty military member and/or spouse of active duty military member is most recently assigned noted in the active duty military personnel’s PCS orders.

~~(3)(C)~~ “State of current residence” means the state in which the active duty military member or spouse of active duty military member is maintaining legal residency personnel or spouse is currently physically residing.

~~(D) The active duty military member or spouse of an individual who is active duty military may change the member state designated as the individual’s home state by notifying the Commission.~~

~~(B) Compact privilege holders who are active duty military members or spouses of active duty military members must notify the Commission of a change in military or marital status within sixty (60) business days of the effective date of the change.~~

~~(C) In accordance with paragraph (C) of Rule 3.1, compact privilege holders who are active duty military members or spouses of active duty military members must notify the Commission of a change in home state within sixty (60) business days of the effective date of the change.~~

Rule 6.7 – Indicating Availability of Significant Investigative Information

Reason: To clarify what qualifies as investigative information significant enough to warrant notification to the Commission

Proposed Amendment:

A member state shall notify the Commission that significant investigatory information is available to party states when a member state has determined probable cause exists that the allegations against the licensee may constitute a violation of that member's state statute or regulations. The actual investigative information shall be shared directly with the party state and not through the Commission.