Dear Chapter Members,

 The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (“PLA”) recently provided us with important clarifications concerning the upcoming massage therapy certification renewal process for all currently certified massage therapists beginning **February 15, 2021** through **May 15, 2021**.

* The PLA will not issue licenses to massage therapists during the renewal process because Indiana’s licensing laws do not yet have legal effect.
* The PLA will instead renew your certifications during the 2021 renewal, and you will continue to be certified until the licensing laws take effect.
* The PLA will not require massage therapists to demonstrate that they have completed continuing education hours in order to renew their massage therapy certifications.
* Massage therapists will need to provide proof of liability insurance. You can upload this certificate with the online renewal application or submit it with the hard copy renewal application.

The PLA will update its website to clarify these important points by the time they submit the certification renewal notices to massage therapists prior to February 15, 2021. We strongly encourage you to look for the PLA’s update and to follow any specific instructions in that notice. You can visit the PLA website at <https://www.in.gov/pla/massage.htm>. We will continue monitoring communications from the PLA and updating you as we learn more. Please contact us as you encounter issues, concerns, or confusion during the renewal process.

We have been actively interacting with the PLA and Board of Massage Therapy on this and other important issues and will continue to represent your interests before those entities. We anticipate having further discussions with both entities as they begin to transition to massage therapy licensure and complete a massage therapy agency rule. We will continue to keep you updated as those discussions progress.

 Sincerely,

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