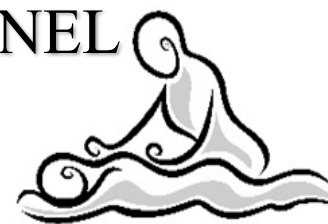


MASSAGE/BODYWORK THERAPY PANEL

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings and Happy Holidays!

I hope your massage/bodywork business is thriving and your holidays are happy and full.

Your Massage/Bodywork Panel has been diligently at work this year shoring up our South Carolina industry to protect professional practice and public safety.

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In this newsletter, several reminders will be given as we move through the holiday season and into the upcoming year.

Renewals

2018 is a license renewal year. All licenses must be renewed by June 30, 2018. Make sure that you have all of the needed twelve (12) continuing education hours prior to that date. Remember, your renewal application will ask if you have completed all of these hours. Applications will be randomly audited for accuracy, and you may be asked to present proof of the education you claim. Keep your completion certificates for your records.

Remember that licenses must be displayed "in a prominent and conspicuous place in the person's place of business...", per the Panel's Practice Act, S.C. Code of Laws, Section 40-30-140.



Finally, it is every licensed therapist's responsibility to protect the profession, and the public. Always act ethically. If you become aware of any inappropriate practice by another practitioner, one that endangers the profession or a member of the public, please use the Complaint portal on the LLR website to report it. You can remain anonymous. The complaint information will follow the proper channels and will

be checked out. By far, not every complaint results in a loss of licensure. Sometimes practitioners just need a reminder of proper ethics, boundaries, or further education on handling difficult client/practitioner situations. LLR has resources for these needs. Your Massage/Bodywork Panel supports these resources, and the complaint investigation process. Keep the profession clean. Keep it healthy.

Remember that all advertisements for your practice must contain your License number. Per the same Law Section referenced above, "...and shall include the number of the license in an advertisement of massage/bodywork services appearing in a newspaper, airwave transmission, telephone directory, or other advertising medium." This includes internet, social media, and business cards. Some therapists have left off their license numbers in advertisements. Make sure that these are corrected. All licensees must be in compliance with this Law by the next license renewal deadline, June 30, 2018. Ads found without license numbers, after June 30, 2018, will be in jeopardy of fines for breach of the Practice Act Law.