

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Director of the Department of Health, pursuant to the authority set forth under § 302(14) of the D.C. Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 15, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1203.02(14)), and Mayor's Order 98-140, dated August 20, 1998, hereby gives notice of his intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the following amendments of Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

The purpose of the amendments is to clarify the educational and licensing requirements for the practice of new applicants and reinstatement of practitioners.

**Chapter 75 (Massage Therapy) of Title 17 DCMR (Business, Occupational & Professions) (May 1990) is amended as follows:**

**Section 7502.8 is amended to read as follows:**

- 7502.8 An applicant shall submit the following as part of a completed application form:
- (a) An official certified transcript of the applicant's successful completion of the required in-class training;
  - (b) A certificate of graduation from an approved school; and
  - (c) Certification, pursuant to § 7504.2, of the applicant's passing the required approved examination.

**Section 7506.6 is amended to read as follows:**

- 7506.6 To qualify for reinstatement of a license to practice massage therapy, an applicant shall submit proof pursuant to § 7506.7 of having completed continuing education credits which includes the following:
- (a) Six (6) hours of credit in an approved program for each year the license has expired up to 30 total hours of credit; and
  - (b) Twelve (12) hours of credit which shall include two (2) hours in professional ethics and three (3) hours in CPR and first aid training for the two (2) years preceding the reinstatement application.

**Section 7511.3 is amended to read as follows:**

7511.3 Students and applicants shall adhere to the following:

- (a) A student shall practice massage therapy only under the supervision of a licensed massage therapist; and
- (b) An applicant may practice massage therapy prior to licensure for 90 days under the supervision of a licensed massage therapist pursuant to § 7511.6.

All persons wishing to comment on the proposed rulemaking shall submit written comments no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register to the Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the address listed above.