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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M. G. L. c. 13, § 11A(b); c. 30A; and c. 112, §§ 61, 23M the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions will hold a public hearing relative to proposed promulgation of amendments to the Board's regulations at 259 Code Mass. Regs. §§ 3.00 (Occupational Therapists), 4.00 (Athletic Trainers), and 5.00 (Physical Therapists) and to propose promulgation of 259 Code Mass. Regs. § 7.00 (Continuing Competence). By these proposed amendments, the Board seeks to: clarify the roles and responsibilities of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in providing care, supervision, and in documenting assessments and other client encounters as well as updating language to reflect current terminology; seek to clarify the standards of practice, supervision, and documentation for athletic trainers; and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in providing care, supervision, and in documenting assessments and other client encounters as well as updating language to reflect current terminology. In addition, the proposed new regulation changes create biennial continuing competence standards for all professions and individual licenses, including documentation requirements, provider approval, waiver procedures, and standards for discipline.

The hearing will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020** at the Division of Professional Licensure, **1000 Washington St., Room 1D, Boston, MA 02118**. Interested Parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at this hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained at the Board's web site located at:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals> or by contacting the Board at 1000 Washington St. Suite 710, Boston, MA 02118; (617) 727-0054. The Board will also accept written comments regarding the regulations through the end of business on Monday, February 10, 2020 via mail or email to Alliedhealth@mass.gov.

