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RE: Proposed Regulation
State Board of Physical Therapy
16A-6513: Continuing Education Providers

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The House Professional Licensure Committee on this date voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-6513 until final regulation is promulgated and to submit the following comments.

1. The Committee recommends that if proposed §40.63 (d)(1) addresses "Approved courses and programs", the word "program" should be added to the second sentence to read: "It is the responsibility of the certificate holder to ascertain the approval state of the course and program before undertaking a continuing education activity."
2. The Committee recommends that if proposed §40.63 (d)(3) and (5) address "Approved courses and programs", the word "program" should be added when mention is made of "course" so that the phrasing reads "courses and programs".
3. The Committee recommends that the same change as above be made to §40.63 (d)(6) and requests an explanation about how the validity of approval is affected if dates for approval of courses and programs are not firm or if they are changed.
4. The Committee requests an explanation of how a licensee will be informed of the approval or disapproval status of a course and program.

5. The Committee questions how the Board will address distance learning in continuing education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGeehan", written in a cursive style.

Michael P. McGeehan
Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee