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From: Bobbi Summers [mailto:bobbi@star13.us]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:18 AM
To: Totino, Michaele
Subject: guidelines for use of products with facial massage

Hello,

My name is Bobbi Summers. This email address was given to me by Judy Harner. It is my hope that my questions will serve to assist in the regulation process for massage therapy in Pennsylvania.

I am a certified massage therapist, practicing for 23 years and working full time for Mountain Massage, Inc. in the Pocono Mountains for the past ten years. We have in the past used simple herbal masks and scrubs as part of some our facial massage services. We eliminated using any product but moisturizer on the face several years ago, because we were not sure what the guidelines were. We were receiving vague answers to our questions and additionally were told we could not use the word facial.

The information also came in that we could use a product, such as a clay mask, if we had specific training in using that product.

My product supplier has recently added simple facial muds, scrubs and masks along with training and certification for their particular products.

Would we be in accordance with regulations if we use the above-mentioned product line? Do we need the training and certification?

I have seen paragraph in Volume 40 on PA Bulletin.com on topical preparations, the care and use of. Will this paragraph be expanded to include what we can and cannot use?

We do not wish to work outside the regulations and hope to have this issue clarified.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to call or email me if necessary.

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From: i [mailto:vivianmadison@aol.com]
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Michaele Totino

Regulatory Analyst

Re 16-A-721 Massage Regulations

Dear Ms Totino & to Whomever this may concern,

Although I am not a prospective PA Licensed Massage Therapist, I am the insurance consultant to massage therapists' on a national basis, referred to by Massage Licensing Boards and our National Associations to respond to massage therapists insurance billing and reimbursement related questions.

I am and have been Insurance Committee Chair for the Florida State Massage Therapy Association (FSMTA) since 1990, serving over 5000 members.

I am also the originator of a Special Task Force, creating laws and rules for insurance billing procedures for massage practitioners in order to protect the public, insurers and massage practitioners. Several key people in our industry are on this Special Task Force from around the US as well as insurance fraud investigators, defense and plaintiff's attorneys and insurance adjusters.

I only tell you this to let you know I understand the legalities and negative repercussions of wording in laws & rules. I'm fighting for the PA massage therapist to help them to have in place their licensing law that does not conflict with licensing laws of other states, and that opens the door for them to become licensed as the professionals they are.

To afford them the same right as every other state's licensed massage therapist who can work within physician's offices and within their own establishments by and under the written prescription of a physician in order to treat with manual therapy, myofascial release, massage therapy techniques, the prescribed and diagnosed conditions such as impairments, disabilities and diseases.

To even consider removing the term "therapeutic" is lubricious in that it has taken us over 25 years of working, training, educating and informing the public to remove some of the negative stigmatism and to train the public that **massage is therapeutic** and not sensual or other off the wall services.

To incorporate the wording as has just been proposed will set the PA therapists back to the dark ages and will definitely not do justice to the public.

I highly suggest that if the statements regarding not being able to treat disabilities, illnesses or impairments are to remain in the proposed legislation, then please add the following: **“unless prescribed by the treating physician with a written prescription.”**

Please reconsider and know that I am here for you if I can help with wording as it relates to massage therapists, our profession and insurance as well as medically.

Sincerely

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