

**Updated 10/20/2020:**  
**From the AMTA NJ Government  
Relations Committee:  
(Renewal Notice Update of October  
13, 2020)**

Dear Members and Friends,

The NJ State of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Board convened a virtual meeting on September 22, 2020. Public members were able to attend without comment during the meeting. Comments for the Board were asked to be submitted prior to the meeting date for the NJ State MBT Board to consider and reply during the meeting.

Based on the inquiries received by the Chapter members, Government Relations submitted a question for consideration by the Board regarding the ability to provide face massage. The following is a synopsis of their reply:

*"Yes, face massage is permitted, provided that the massage and bodywork therapist wears a protective mask AND a face shield while doing so. The client/patient is permitted to remove their protective face mask during the face massage and must immediately don their mask following the sequence."*

The NJ State MBT Board reiterated that CPR for renewal **can** be completed on-line provided that the program is with one of the approved providers pursuant to: N.J.C.A.13:37A-2.3(a) RENEWAL OF LICENSE. For the complete rule, please go to the website and click on "Laws and Regulations."

Lastly, at this time home visits are still prohibited by NJ DCA AO 2020-11 as aligned with NJ Governor Murphy's EO 154.

Renewal notices have been sent out and as some of you may know that there have been a few glitches. In a recent communication with the NJ State Board the following information may be helpful:

- Renewal notices were mailed to licensees at the same time the online links were being completed...therefore, renewal online was not yet completely available.
- When entering proof of liability insurance, the system will not take any symbols...only numbers should be entered.
- A licensee who employs other massage therapists and is registered with the state as a business, should renew their personal license first before renewing the business registration.
- *Inactive Status is available.* This option does not require that you provide proof of liability insurance. While on *inactive status* therapists cannot practice MBT. CE's are still required to be completed during the period of *inactive status* so that when you convert to active status, your license will be in compliance.
- When renewing, it is suggested that licensees take the opportunity to update contact information such as address, phone numbers and email address.
- The NJ State Board advises that letters to legislators regarding renewal problems is unnecessary and inappropriate. Should licensees have issues with renewal, they should contact the NJ State MBT Board at [massagetherapy@dca.lps.state.nj.us](mailto:massagetherapy@dca.lps.state.nj.us) or their associations for clarification and guidance.

Additionally, it is not necessary to send proof of CE's to the NJ State MBT Board. When you open your renewal portal, you will be asked to attest that your CE's have been completed. However, should you be audited, it is prudent to maintain files of your CE's.

And finally, we are continuing to move forward with GR initiatives that require legislative changes. In order to gather information for our lobbyist to use, we recently sent a survey to chapter members: <https://bit.ly/35KtFa5>

Please take a moment to participate before October 15 as your feedback will be an invaluable asset to achieve our goals on your behalf. It is our intent to have these initiatives lead to ease of practice in your local municipality, and for ease of portability in other states. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions and/or concerns at [GovRel.AMTA@gmail.com](mailto:GovRel.AMTA@gmail.com)

We are here to provide you with support. Best wishes as we continue to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 mitigation.

Respectfully Yours,  
NJ AMTA Government Relations Team