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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the year winds down and we reflect on the past months, there is much that has happened to challenge how we meet the crisis of COVID-19. AMTA National and our NJ Chapter in cooperation with our lobbyist have provided our members with critical information to offset the unemployment and business loss many of us experienced.

We wish to extend our gratitude for your participation in the survey published in October by your GR committee. Many members replied, and at first glance, the results are very promising that will help with our next legislative initiative: a bill that would provide for NJ State supersedence of Massage and Bodywork licensing in local government. With the advice and guidance of our lobbyist, we will review the results and inform you of the analysis.

An immediate issue of concern remains to be our ability to provide home visits for our clients and patients. Recently, our Lobbyist met with the Division of Consumer Affairs to explore the possibility of having the Governor's Office reconsider the Executive Orders prohibiting home visits. The question of how many home visits are provided as part of a regular and active practice was asked. We know that there are businesses that rely exclusively on home visits for income, and that many therapists include home visits as part of their regular practice. In order to continue the discussion with the NJ State Division of Consumer Affairs, we need your input...

Please take a moment (less than 30 seconds) and complete the survey (sent to the email you have listed with AMTA National) to answer the question: "What percentage of your practice is spent providing home visits?" Your participation will make a meaningful difference with the direction of our profession. Thank you for your willingness to help.

In addition to monitoring the COVID-19 mitigation as it affects our ability to practice, your Chapter Board of Directors has worked diligently to provide crucial information regarding the license renewal period ending November 30, 2020. It is our sincere hope that our members have renewed with ease.

Please take note that Pursuant to Chapter 13:37A-2.3 Renewal of License

(e) If a licensee does not renew the license prior to its expiration date, the licensee may renew the license within 30 days of its expiration by submitting a renewal application, a renewal fee, and a late fee as set forth in N.J.A.C 13.37A-71. During this 30-day period, the license shall be valid and the licensee shall not be deemed practicing without a license.

(f) A licensee who fails to submit a renewal application within 30 days of license expiration shall have his or her license suspended without a hearing. If you have to renew, we encourage you to do so immediately.

Should you need further clarification regarding the subject matter of this email, or need help with your license, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at GovRel.AMTANJ@gmail.com. We are here to support you and provide you with the resources you seek.

Respectfully Yours,

NJ AMTA Government Relations Committee