

**STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the board room at the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level – Suite A, Topeka, Kansas, to consider proposed new regulations related to licensure of and practice by Physical Therapists.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the above-referenced rules and regulations. All interested parties may submit comments prior to the hearing to Stacy Bond, Assistant General Counsel, at the Board of Healing Arts at the address above, or via e-mail to KSBHA_HealingArts@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views, orally or in writing, concerning the proposed regulations during the public hearing. In order to provide all parties with an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant limit any oral presentations to five minutes.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the Economic Impact Statement for the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level – Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66612; on the agency website at <http://www.ksbha.org/publicinformation/publicinformation.shtml>, by contacting Jenne Cook at (785) 296-2482, or by e-mailing the agency at KSBHA_HealingArts@ks.gov.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations being considered and the economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Barbara Montgomery at (785) 296-8558 or at Barbara.Montgomery@ks.gov. Individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities may contact the Kansas Relay Center at 800-766-3777 for communication accommodations. Handicapped parking is located on 8th Street and in the building's parking garage. From the street, both the West entrance to the building on Jackson Street and the North entrance on 8th Street are accessible.

A summary of the proposed new regulations and their economic impact follows:

K.A.R. 100-29-18. Dry Needling; education and practice requirements. This new regulation specifies the educational requirements for a physical therapist to utilize dry needling therapy within the scope of practice of a physical therapist. This regulation also sets forth the requirements that a course on dry needling must cover in order for it to be considered by the Board for approval. It also contains a provision prohibiting the delegation of dry needling by a physical therapist.

K.A.R. 100-29-19. Dry Needling; informed consent. This new regulation advises physical therapists of the information required to be provided to the patient prior to the physical therapist utilizing dry needling therapy with the patient.

K.A.R. 100-29-20. Dry Needling; recordkeeping. This new regulation advises physical therapists that perform dry needling of the specific record keeping requirements of each dry needling session.

K.A.R. 100-29-21. Dry Needling; board requests for documentation. This new regulation assists the agency with investigations regarding the qualifications of individual physical therapists to perform dry needling therapy.

Costs to the State Board of Healing Arts are expected to be minimal. Costs to Physical Therapists would be determined on an individual basis. There is no statutory or regulatory requirement that a physical therapist obtain training to utilize dry needling techniques or therapy in their practice. However, a Physical Therapist that desires to utilize dry needling therapy in their practice would have the economic impact of the fees associated with the required training.

It is anticipated that the regulations will provide a positive economic impact on private individuals in that more Physical Therapists may have expanded practice opportunities in Kansas due to a greater scope of practice which, in turn, should improve the general public's access to healthcare provided by these individuals.