



STATE OF MARYLAND

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March 26, 2012

Re: National Exam for State Licensure
(NESL)

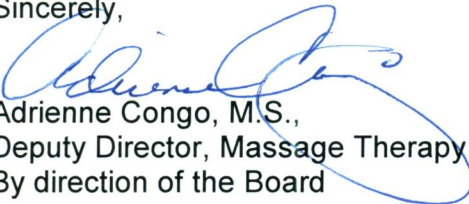
Dear Massage Therapy Program Director/Administrator,

On February 9, 2012, the Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners unanimously voted to approve the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork – *National Exam for State Licensure (NESL)*. Unexpectedly, on March 14, 2012, NCBTMB announced that the NESL option will be withdrawn by NCBTMB at years end. No substantive, acceptable explanation of the withdrawal was submitted to this Board.

Based on this announcement, the unacceptable costs and administrative burdens imposed by accepting the NESL for less than one year; the Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners withdrew its approval of accepting the NESL on March 21, 2012. Accordingly, the Board will not accept the NESL as previously announced; any questions regarding NCBTMB's decision may be diverted to Lori Ohlman, NCBTMB Director of Outreach (lohlmann@ncbtmb.org, 630-652-0460.)

Please be advised, effective March 21, 2012, applicants must convert their NESL results to a NCBTMB National Certification or take/pass the MBLE_x in order to meet the Board's regulatory requirement for accepted examination(s).

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director, Massage Therapy Program Manager
By direction of the Board

cc: Jim Vallone, Executive Director, Board of Chiro. & Mst. Examiners
Grant Gerber, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
Mike Williams, NCBTMB Chief Executive Officer
Lori Ohlman, NCBTMB Director of Outreach