

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
MASSAGE/BODYWORK THERAPY PANEL
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**



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Hello from your South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel!

Our August 12th Panel Meeting concluded with just a few things below to tell you about.

Update on License Renewal Audits

We have 4207 licensed Massage/Bodyworkers in South Carolina. To make sure everyone is complying with the 2-year CE re-licensing requirement, the Panel will conduct a random audit. Audit letters have now been mailed. If you receive a letter stating you are being audited, simply provide copies of your CE documents that you completed over the last two years, since you last renewed your license. The letter will give the address where you can mail copies of your documents, or you can scan and e-mail the documents to BoardInfo@LLR.SC.GOV. If you have not responded, you have until October 30th to submit proof of continuing education.

Remember to Keep Your License Current

Protect your license by getting your CE hours every two years. A therapist whose license is lapsed cannot practice Massage/Bodywork. Practicing Massage/Bodywork with a lapsed license is the same as practicing without a license. It is a violation to practice without a license, so stay on top of it! Plan your CE expenses and time off over the course of the two-year period so you're not caught frantically looking for CE credits at the last minute.

Your Panel continues to look at subjects and situations that impact the Massage/Bodywork profession. The licensure requirements of the Massage/Bodywork Panel prepare licensees for a career in Massage/Bodywork and protects the public from unprofessional and unethical conduct when receiving Massage/Bodywork services. Any alleged criminal activity occurring in a Massage/Bodywork facility or by a Massage/Bodywork licensee should be immediately reported to law enforcement.

S.C. Massage/Bodywork Panel Initial Complaint Process

If you believe that an individual is practicing Massage/Bodywork without a license or that a Massage/Bodywork licensee has violated licensing laws and regulations, an initial administrative complaint can be filed with the Massage/Bodywork Panel for review by a complaint analyst for possible administrative investigation. Again, if there is any suspicion of criminal activity, this should also be immediately reported to law enforcement for criminal investigation.

To file a complaint, please call (803)896-4470 or visit <http://llr.sc.gov/POL/MassageTherapy/index.asp?file=complaint.htm> if any breeches in conduct are observed.

It is the responsibility of every Massage/Bodywork provider to treat every client, with respect and compassion and to provide the appropriate Massage/Bodywork services in a professional and safe environment.

I wish you all success and the highest happiness in your life and professional pursuits.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Shaw'.

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S.C. MASSAGE/BODYWORK THERAPY CHAIRPERSON