

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 490-13 PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT,
BOARD RULE 490-13-.01 LICENSURE COMPACT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 490-13-.01 Licensure Compact

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy (hereinafter “Board”) proposes amendments to Board Rule Chapter 490-13 Physical Therapy Compact, Board Rule 490-13-.01 Licensure Compact (hereinafter “proposed rule(s)”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, Georgia 31210. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/georgia-state-board-physical-therapy-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule(s) at a public hearing to be held at **9:30 a.m., September 29, 2026**, via WebEx. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the hearing via WebEx.

Interested parties affected by the proposed rule(s) may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **September 22, 2026**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, Georgia 31210. Written comments may be sent via email to PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meetings on July 22, 2025, and July 21, 2026. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule(s) does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the

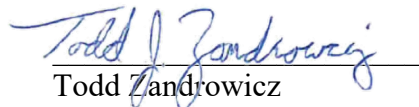
proposed rule(s) cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-10, 43-33-30 and 43-33-31 *et seq.* Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-10, 43-33-30 and 43-33-31 *et seq.* to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of the proposed rule(s) will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the physical therapy profession.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy has the authority to adopt the proposed rule(s) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-10, 43-33-30 and 43-33-31 *et seq.*

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 26th day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Todd J. Zandrowicz", is written over a horizontal line.

Todd Zandrowicz
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 08.26.26

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 490-13 PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT,
BOARD RULE 490-13-.01 LICENSURE COMPACT**

Purposes: The purpose of the rule amendment is to provided clarity on the requirements and process for meeting Georgia's dry needling education standards for those coming from Compact states. The proposed amendments add no additional requirements, instead it provides language to limit the possibility of fines or delays associated with incomplete applications or failure to complete certain requirements such as completion of the GA JAM.

Rule 490-13-.01 Licensure Compact

Pursuant to the provisions of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy hereby adopts as rule the Physical Therapy Compact Commission Rules, with the following additions:

- (a~~1~~) Individuals applying for a compact privilege to Georgia must pay the necessary fees ~~and take~~ and pass the Georgia Jurisprudence Assessment Module (GA-JAM) prior to issuance and renewal of the compact privilege;
 - (a) If a compact privilege holder fails to complete the GA JAM prior to obtaining a privilege, written notification will be sent to the privilege holder's address of record via certified mail and email informing them that they must submit proof of completing the GA JAM requirement within 30 days of the notice.
 - (b) If the compact privilege holder fails to provide the Board with proof of completion of the requirement within the designated timeframe, the compact privilege is revoked by the operation of law; and the PT Compact Commission shall be notified; and,
- (b~~2~~) A licensee from another member state who is providing physical therapy services in Georgia under a compact privilege must comply with the laws, rules and policies related to the practice of physical therapy in the state of Georgia;
- (3) A compact privilege holder who plans to perform dry needling in the State of Georgia must:
 - (a) Meet the requirements of Board Rule 490-9-.05;
 - (b) Provide proof of education and training to perform dry needling as outlined in Board Rule 490-9-.05 directly to the Board via electronic means; and,
 - (c) Receive board approval prior to practicing dry needling in the State of Georgia.

- (~~€~~4) A compact privilege holder must report to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy **any encumbrance or adverse action** placed upon any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license held by the compact privilege holder in a non-member state within thirty (30) business days of the effective date; **This requirement applies to both public and private actions that may be taken by a non-member state.**
- (~~€~~5) Any violation of the laws, rules and policies of the Board may subject the compact privilege holder to disciplinary action by the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy and loss of the Compact Privilege.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-33-10, 43-33-30 and 43-33-31 *et seq.*

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