

Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

Findings of Fact

1. Defendant is required by Oklahoma Administrative Code § 435:20-9-2(b) et seq., to complete forty (40) hours of approved continuing education every two years. Defendant's due date for completion was by December 31, 2017.
2. Defendant failed to complete the continuing education hours required by December 31, 2017.
3. Further, in accordance with Oklahoma Administrative Code § 435:20-9-2(c), Defendant was required to complete double the continuing education hours, eighty (80), the following two years as a result of being late completing her education during the previous period. These double hours were due to be completed on December 31, 2019. Defendant did not complete the double hours by December 31, 2019.
4. Disciplinary action is required in this case pursuant to Oklahoma Administrative Code § 435:20-9-2(c).

Conclusions of Law

5. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. 2011, § 887.1 et seq. Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:1-1-1 et seq.
6. Notice was given as required by law and the rules of the Board. 59 O.S. 2011, § 504 and Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:3-3-5, 435:3-3-6.
7. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or order any other appropriate sanctions against the license of any physical therapist and physical therapist assistant holding a license to practice medicine in the State of Oklahoma for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S. 2011, 887 et seq. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-5-8 et seq. 59 O.S. Supp. 2014, § 503. This authority is quasi-judicial 59 O.S. 2011, § 513(A)(1). These actions are authorized by 59 O.S. 2015, § 887.13(10); 435:20-5-9(2), (3), (5).
8. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
 - a. Effective January 1, 2004 and every two years thereafter, physical therapists will be required to show proof of forty (40) approved contact hours and Physical Therapist Assistants will be required to show proof of thirty (30) approved contact hours, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-9-2(b) et seq.

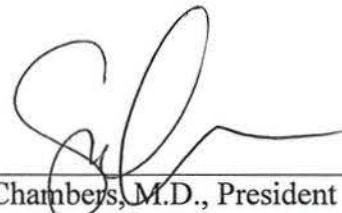
- b. Any applicant for renewal who cannot meet the requirements for continuing education may not renew until deficient hours are obtained and verified. Additionally, within the next compliance period the licensee will be required to obtain double the required hours of approved continuing education. At least half of the required hours must be Category A. Proof of meeting the additional requirements, as verified by an audit, will be required in order to renew at the end of the next compliance period. Failure to meet these additional requirements will result in disciplinary action, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-9-2(c).

Orders

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. The Board hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated herein.
2. **TRIPTI UCHIL, P.T.**, agrees and understands that she is formally reprimanded and understands that such reprimand will be reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank.
3. **TRIPTI UCHIL, P.T.**, agrees and understands that she is fined \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) which is to be paid within (6) six months of the date of this order.
4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees. .
5. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this 5th day of MARCH, 2020.



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