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MEMORANDUM

To: Program Directors

From: Brian W. Pritchard, Program Director

RE: Professionals permitted to practice massage without being registered as a Massage Therapist in the State of Colorado.

Date: April 1, 2009

Synopsis:

Upon analysis of specific practice acts, it has been determined the following professionals **can** practice, advertise, or represent massage services (with limitation) **without** being registered as a massage therapist in the State of Colorado:

- **Barbers**, limited to “giving facial or scalp massage or treatment with oils, creams, or lotions, or other chemical preparations, either by hand or with mechanical appliances” C.R.S. §12-8-103(2);
- **Cosmetologists**, limited to “the face, neck, arms, bust, or torso of the human body with the use of antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams” C.R.S. §12-8-103(9);
- **Estheticians**, limited to “the face, neck, arms, bust, or torso of the human body by means of the hands, devices, apparatus, or appliances with the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams: C.R.S. §12-8-103(9.4)(c);
- **Hairstylists**, limited to “massaging or stimulating the scalp with oils, creams, lotions, or other cosmetic or chemical preparations, using the hands or with manual, mechanical, or electrical implements or appliances” C.R.S. §12-8-103(9.7)(a);
- **Manicurists**, limited to “massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, or exercising the arms, hands, feet, or ankles of any person” C.R.S. §12-8-103(10.5);
- **Physical Therapists**, without limitation pursuant to C.R.S. §112-41-103(6)(b)(II)(A) and §12-41-114(1)(d); and
- **Chiropractors**, without limitation pursuant to 3 CCR 707-1 Rule 6(A)(3)(e)
- **Registered Nurses**, without limitation pursuant to C.R.S. §12-38-103(10)(b)(III): “Providing therapy and treatment that is supportive and restorative to life and well-being either directly to the patient or indirectly through consultation with, delegation to, supervision of, or teaching of others.”