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DATE: January 11, 2008

TO: Licensed Massage Therapists in Canton

FROM: John L. Ciccotelli, R.S., C.H.O, Director of Public Health
Jane Pratt, Public Health Nurse

RE: NOTICE: New Massachusetts massage therapy permitting requirements

Recently, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts promulgated 269 CMR 1.00-7.00, Rules and Regulations Governing Massage Therapists, authorized under the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2006, directing the Commonwealth to begin the Statewide regulation of massage therapists, effective immediately. The new regulations require that all practicing massage therapist in the State must obtain their licenses to practice massage through the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (MBRMT) and no longer through the individual towns in which they practice. The Town of Canton was recently informed by the MBRMT that any massage therapy permits issued after January 1, 2008 are invalid pursuant to the new regulations and that a State issued license must be obtained to practice massage.

Accordingly, any massage therapist who applied and paid for a renewal of their Canton Massage Therapist License will have their fee returned. For individuals who did receive their massage therapy license in Canton, please be advised that it is no longer valid and you will have to obtain an MBRMT issued license to practice massage in Canton.

For those massage therapists licensed in Canton during any time period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007, there is an option to apply under a grandfathering clause in the regulations, but the MBRMT must receive the application and fee for grandfathering no later than May 1, 2008. Those not grandfathered will be required to submit an initial application and fee along with the required documents.

For more details on the new State-issued massage therapy licenses, please visit the MBRMT website at: www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/mt.