Summary of Professional Licensure Requirements
Michigan Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants

• Michigan Board of Physical Therapy Rules regarding re-licensure requirements were finalized 9/15/15.

• Each Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant will need to complete 24 PDRs (Professional Development Requirements) from July 2017 to July 2019 when they apply for re-licensure for the first time in July 2019, and every year following 2019.

• PT and PTA licensees will need to accumulate 24 PDR credits within 2 years immediately proceeding renewal.

• PDRs are required for licensure renewal; not for the initial PT/PTA license.

• Information about PDR’s:
  
  o **No more than 12 PDR credits** shall be earned for approved online continuing education programs or activities during one 24-hour period.
  
  o **No PDR credits for substantially identical programs** and activities during the same renewal period.
  
  o **1 PDR** must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management
  
  o **1 PDR** must be earned in the area of identification of human trafficking victims
    ▪ Due to new Michigan law that requires this of all licensed health professions. (Public Act 343 of 2014 was signed into law on 10/15/14; with an effective date of 1/14/15; applies to all except veterinarian professionals.)
  
  o **For a complete list of the 19 different PDR activities and options that meet re-licensure PDR activities see below:**
There are 19 activities and options that meet PDR requirements – each has their own maximum limits of PDRs and guidelines:

- Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) – Maximum of 20 PDR’s; 1 CEU = 1 PDR
- Post graduate academic courses: Max of 20
- Reading & evaluating professional PT articles: Max of 6; 1 PDR for each article
- Viewing & evaluating professional PT media: Max of 6; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Presenting approved CEU course: Max of 12; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Presenting scientific exhibit/paper at conference: Max of 12; Each presentation = 2 PDRs
- Writing professional article that is published: Max of 12; 1 article = 6 PDRs
- Writing professional chapter published in book: Max of 12; 1 chapter = 6 PDRs
- Completing American Board of PT Specialties: Max of 23
- Participating a minimum of 1,000 hours in post graduate clinical training: Max of 12 PDRs
- Participating in health care organization’s committees related to physical therapy: Max of 6; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Serving as a guest lecturer: Max of 6; 1 hour = 2 PDR’s
- Serving as a Clinical Instructor or Supervisor: Max of 12; 40 hrs = 3 PDRs
- Identifying, researching, addressing a PT issue: Max of 6; 1 PDR for each event
- Participating in task force, board, council related PT: Max of 12; each event = 4 PDRs
- Participating as a surveyor for external agency – PT: Max of 12; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Perform volunteer work (without pay) related to PT: Max of 6; 1 hour = 1 PDR
- Serving as Center Coordinator-Clinical Education: Max of 4; 1 year = 2 PDRs
- Complete FSBPT practice review tool: Max of 10; each review = 10 PDRs

Multiple optional tracking tools and options will be provided and communicated to physical therapy professionals over the next 2 years. Records will be subject to audit for up to 3 years.

For more information on the new rules: