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RE: Recent rules changes which affect licensed massage establishments

Dear Owner:

This letter is to provide you with information regarding recent rule changes affecting licensed massage establishments and the practice of massage therapy in Texas. The enclosed Fact Sheet and Massage Therapy Consultation Checklist are designed to assist you in ensuring that your licensed massage establishment continues to comply with the current law and rules.

I encourage you to read and review the new rules in their entirety on our website at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/massage/>. You may also view your license record on our website through our Live Online Search Verification (choose "Find a Licensee" on the left menu) and confirm that the list of licensed therapists employed at your facility is accurate. If the list displayed is outdated or incomplete, I encourage you to send updates to us by e-mail (massage@dshs.state.tx.us) or fax (512-834-6677 attn: Massage Therapy Licensing Program).

Feel free to contact the Massage Therapy Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns at 512-834-6616.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Feinleib, Program Director
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Enclosures