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Briefing Paper

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SUBJECT: FSBPT has lifted the NPTE Testing Restrictions for Foreign PTA Applicants who Graduated from a PT Program in a Restricted Country

Purpose:

To inform Board members that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) has lifted the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) restrictions for foreign physical therapist assistant (PTA) applicants who graduated from a PT program in Egypt, India, Pakistan or the Philippines. Due to this change the affected applicants were given an extension on their application closing date.

Background:

On October 8, 2010 FSBPT announced that the NPTE testing restrictions for PTA applicants would be removed. The decision was made after the FSBPT Board of Directors concluded that there was not a sufficiently high level of forensic aberrance to justify any further temporary suspension of graduates from Egypt, India, Pakistan and the Philippines from sitting for the PTA NPTE. Effective November 1, 2010, PTA NPTE test restrictions were removed. PTA candidates can now register and take the NPTE on a regular schedule.

Analysis:

Due to the temporary suspension of the NPTE the affected physical therapist assistant applicants were unable to test between July 12, 2010 and November 1, 2010. Given that these applicants lost almost 4 months out of the 12 months the application remains open, the application closing date was extended 4 months. On December 3, 2010 notices informing of the new application closing dates were mailed.

Action Requested:

No action is being requested.