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Subject: COVID19 Relief for Licensed Massage Therapists

Issue to Address: The COVID19 pandemic has had major financial impacts on Licensed Massage Therapists in Wisconsin. Most massage therapists have found themselves unable to work due to the mandatory closures of day spas and other workplaces. In addition to the financial burdens, the COVID19 pandemic forced cancelations of many classes included massage continuing education and in person CPR classes.

The American Massage Therapy Association is asking state boards to consider measures to help massage therapists during this difficult time. In Wisconsin, our license renewal date is February 28, 2021. We'd like to ask the board to reduce or eliminate the license renewal fee, reduce or eliminate the continuing education requirement and waive the required CPR renewal fee for the upcoming license renewal to help reduce the burdens on licensed massage therapists.