Continuing Education Course Sponsor Information

The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy (ASBPT) recently made the decision that ASBPT will no longer pre-approve continuing education courses from course sponsors. APTA Arkansas will pre-approve courses and the courses will be accepted by ASBPT. The APTA Arkansas fee for pre-approval is \$50.00 per course. APTA Arkansas has said regarding the fee they will be willing to work with sponsors that offer a lot of courses.

Sponsors are not required to receive pre-approval, however, ASBPT encourages sponsors to receive pre-approval for licensees to know they will receive continuing education credit after attending a course.

Courses previously approved by ASBPT remain approved.

Other sponsors have asked if courses approved by other state agencies are approved in Arkansas. The answer to this is the courses are not automatically approved but will more than likely be approved when submitted by a licensee.

The ASBPT rules state, "Program content must be of clinical application, clinical management, behavioral science, or science."

The link to submit a course to APTA Arkansas for pre-approval is www.arpta.org. APTA Arkansas contact information is:

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Please contact APTA Arkansas if you have questions.