

## NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

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### State of Connecticut Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists

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#### Notice of Hearing

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The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists will hold a hearing on October 1, 2019, at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut commencing at 9:15 a.m., in Hearing Room 1-B, for the purpose of issuing a declaratory ruling. The subject of the declaratory ruling is as follows:

1. Is acupuncture, as defined in Section 20-206aa(3) of the General Statutes, within the scope of practice of a physical therapists?
2. Is dry needling\*, provided that the practitioner is trained and competent to do so, within the scope of practice of a physical therapist as defined in Section 20-66(2) of the General Statutes?

\*For purposes of this declaratory ruling, “dry needling” may be defined as an intervention that uses a thin filiform needle to penetrate the skin and stimulate underlying myofascial trigger points, muscular, and connective tissues for the management of neuromusculoskeletal pain and movement impairments.

The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists (“the Board”) has prepared this notice in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (“UAPA”), Connecticut General Statute § 4-166 *et seq.*, and specifically Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-176.

By law, a declaratory ruling constitutes a statement of agency law which is binding upon those who participate in the hearing, and may also be utilized by the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists, on a case by case basis, in future proceedings before it.

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