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Subpart 60: Professional Licensure

CHAPTER 14 MUSIC THERAPISTS

Subchapter 1 GENERAL

Rule 14.1.1 L

Legal Authority. 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2741 §§ 1-10, Mississippi Legislature Regular Session 2025 (eff. July 1, 2025) provides for the licensure of professional music therapists by the Mississippi State Department of Health, authorizing the Mississippi State Board of Health to adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and standards governing the professional licensure of music therapists as may be necessary to further the accomplishment of that purposes.

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Rule 14.1.2

Purpose. The purpose of these regulations is to safeguard the public's health, safety, and welfare by establishing minimum qualifications and creating exclusive titles corresponding to the level of qualifications for individuals who wish to offer music therapy to the public. Further, in order to ensure the highest degree of professional conduct by those engaged in the profession of music therapy, it is the purpose of these regulations to impose disciplinary sanctions, be they civil or criminal, against persons who do not meet or adhere to the procedures, qualifications, and standards set out in this Chapter.

The intent of this Chapter is to recognize that music therapy affects public health, safety and welfare and that the practice of music therapy should be subject to regulation; to assure the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of music therapists; to guarantee the availability of music therapy services provided by a qualified professional to persons in need of those services; and to protect the public from the practice of music therapy by unqualified individuals.

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Rule 14.1.3 Licensure Required.

- 1. A license issued under this Chapter is required to engage in the professional practice of music therapy.
- 2. Beginning on January 1, 2026, no person without a license as a professional music therapist shall use the title "licensed professional music therapist," "LPMT" or similar title that implies that the person is a professional music therapist.

Rule 14.1.4 Definitions. The following terms shall have the meaning set forth below, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. **Advisory committee** means the means the Music Therapy Advisory Committee ("Council").
- 2. **Board** means the State Board of Health.
- 3. **Board-certified Music Therapist** means an individual who holds current board certification from the Certification Board for Music Therapists.
- 4. **Department** means the State Department of Health.
- 5. **Director** means the Executive Director of the State Department of Health or his or her designee.
- 6. **Licensed Professional Music Therapist (LPMT)** means a person licensed to practice music therapy under this Chapter.
- 7. Music Therapy means the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals for people of all ages and ability levels within a therapeutic relationship by a board-certified music therapist. Music therapists develop music therapy treatment plans specific to the needs and strengths of the client, who may be seen individually or in groups. Music therapy treatment plans are individualized for each client. The goals, objectives and potential strategies of the music therapy services are appropriate for the client and setting. The music therapy interventions may include, but are not limited to, music improvisation, receptive music listening, song writing, lyric discussion, music and imagery, singing, music performance, learning through music, music combined with other arts, music-assisted relaxation, music-based patient education, electronic music technology, adapted music intervention and movement to music. The practice of music therapy does not include the screening, diagnosis or assessment of any physical, mental or communication disorder. The term "music therapy" may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Accepting referrals for music therapy services from medical, developmental, mental health or education professionals, family members, clients, caregivers or others involved and authorized with provision of client services;
 - b. Conducting a music therapy assessment of a client to determine if treatment is indicated. If treatment is indicated, the licensee collects

systematic, comprehensive and accurate information to determine the appropriateness and type of music therapy services to provide for the client;

- c. Developing an individualized music therapy treatment plan for the client that is based upon the results of the music therapy assessment. The music therapy treatment plan includes individualized goals and objectives that focus on the assessed needs and strengths of the client and specify music therapy approaches and interventions to be used to address these goals and objectives;
- d. Implementing an individualized music therapy treatment plan that is consistent with any other developmental, rehabilitative, habilitative, medical, mental health, preventive, wellness care or educational services being provided to the client;
- e. Evaluating the client's response to music therapy and the music therapy treatment plan, documenting change and progress and suggesting modifications, as appropriate;
- f. Developing a plan for determining when the provision of music therapy services is no longer needed in collaboration with the client, physician or other provider of health care or education of the client, family members of the client and any other appropriate person upon whom the client relies for support;
- g. Minimizing any barriers to ensure that the client receives music therapy services in the least restrictive environment;
- h. Collaborating with and educating the client and the family, caregiver of the client or any other appropriate person regarding the needs of the client that are being addressed in music therapy and the manner in which the music therapy treatment addresses those needs; and
- i. Using appropriate knowledge and skills to inform practice, including use of research, reasoning and problem-solving skills to determine appropriate actions in the context of each specific clinical setting.
- 8. **License** shall mean the document of licensure issued by the Board.
- 9. **Licensee** means a Licensed Professional Music Therapist licensed under the provisions of this Chapter.
- 10. **Association** shall mean the Southeastern Region of the American Music Therapy Association (SER-AMTA).

11. **Accredited Institution** means a university or college accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency of institutions of higher education, or an institution and clinical program approved by the American Music Therapy Association.

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Rule 14.1.5 Publication. The Department shall make available, upon request and payment of a fee, a list of the names and addresses of all persons licensed by the Department as Music Therapists, and a list of all persons whose licenses have been suspended, revoked, denied renewal, put on probationary status, censured, or reprimanded during the current licensure term.

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Subchapter 2 Licensure.

- **Rule 14.2.1 Qualifications for Licensure.** To obtain a license under this Chapter, an applicant shall:
 - 1. Submit an online application;
 - 2. Pay the license fee in the amount and manner required;
 - 3. Provide proof that Applicant:
 - a. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - b. Holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its equivalent, including clinical training hours, from a music therapy program within an accredited college or university; and
 - c. Has passed the examination for board certification offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization or provides proof of being transitioned into board certification, and provides proof that the applicant is currently a board-certified music therapist;
 - 4. Be in good standing based on a review of the applicant's music therapy licensure history in other jurisdictions, including a review of any alleged misconduct or neglect in the practice of music therapy on the part of the applicant; and
 - 5. Submit Mississippi State Department of Health comprehensive background check.

Rule 14.2.2 Licensure by Reciprocity or Endorsement; Qualifications.

- 1. **Reciprocity.** The Board may issue a license by reciprocity to an applicant who provides proof that he or she is licensed and in good standing as a music therapist in another state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States if the licensure requirements in that state, territory or jurisdiction are substantially the same as the requirements imposed by the Act and this Part.
 - a. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Miss. Code § 73-50-1.
 - b. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Miss. Code § 73-50-2.
- 2. **Endorsement.** An individual who does not otherwise qualify for licensure under this Part but who has practiced music therapy for ten (10) or more years prior to July 1, 2025 with at least five (5) years practice immediately preceding July 1, 2025, may apply for licensure by endorsement under this Rule. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who:
 - a. Submits an online application prior to January 1, 2026;
 - b. Pays the application fee in the amount and manner required by the Department;
 - c. Provides proof that he/she holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its equivalent, including clinical training hours, from a music therapy program within an accredited college or university;
 - d. Completes a Mississippi State Department of Health comprehensive background check.

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Rule 14.2.3 Biennial License Renewal Required.

- 1. Licenses issued under this Chapter shall expire two (2) years from the date of issuance.
- 2. The licensure period shall be construed as December 1 through November 30 of even- numbered years.

3. Licenses issued under these regulations shall expire and become invalid at midnight of the expiration date.

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- **Rule 14.2.4 Procedure for Renewal of Licensure.** Approximately sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of a license, the Department shall send an electronic renewal notice to the email address registered by the licensee with the Department. For purposes of renewal, prior to expiration of the license, an applicant shall:
 - 1. Complete the online renewal form;
 - 2. Submit proof of continuing education credit as detailed in Subchapter 4 of these regulations; and
 - 3. Pay the renewal fee online.

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Rule 14.2.5 Failure to Renew.

- 1. **Responsibility for Renewal.** Each licensee is responsible for renewing their license prior to its expiration. Failure to receive a renewal notice shall not relieve the licensee of this responsibility.
- 2. **Forfeiture.** A license shall be deemed forfeited if the licensee fails to submit a complete renewal application and pay the renewal fee prior to the license's expiration date.

3. Reinstatement of Forfeited License.

- a. A forfeited license may be reinstated if the licensee submits a reinstatement application and pays both the renewal fee and the reinstatement fee.
- b. The reinstatement application must be received by the Department within one (1) year of the license's expiration date.
- 4. **Termination.** If a forfeited license is not reinstated within one (1) year of expiration, the license shall be automatically terminated. The individual must then apply as a new applicant and meet all requirements for initial licensure.

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Rule 14.2.6 Inactive Status. Upon written request of a licensee, the department may place an active license on an inactive status subject to an inactive status fee

established by the board. The licensee, upon request and payment of the inactive license fee, may continue on inactive status for a period up to two (2) years. An inactive license may be reactivated at any time by making a written request to the department and by fulfilling requirements established by the department.

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Rule 14.2.7 Abandonment. An application for licensure or renewal shall be considered abandoned if the applicant fails to submit all required materials to the Department within six (6) months of the initial submission date.

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Rule 14.2.8 Notification of Denial. Written notice will be provided to all applicants regarding denial of an application for licensure or renewal. Such notice shall contain the reason(s) therefore and provide the applicant an opportunity to cure the deficiency for a second review by the Department.

- **Rule 14.2.9 Exemptions from Licensure.** The provisions of the Act and this Part shall not apply to the following:
 - 1. Any person licensed, certified or regulated under the laws of this state in another profession or occupation, including physicians, psychologists, psychoanalysts, registered nurses, marriage and family therapists, social workers, occupational therapy practitioners, professional or rehabilitation counselors, speech-language pathologists or audiologists or personnel supervised by a licensed professional, performing work, including the use of music, incidental to the practice of his or her licensed, certified or regulated profession or occupation, if that person does not represent himself or herself as a professional music therapist; or
 - 2. Any person whose training and national certification attests to the individual's preparation and ability to practice his or her certified profession or occupation, if that person does not represent himself or herself as a professional music therapist; or
 - 3. Any practice of music therapy as an integral part of a program of study for students enrolled in an accredited music therapy program, if the student does not represent himself or herself as a professional music therapist; or
 - 4. Any person who practices music therapy under the supervision of a licensed professional music therapist, if the person does not represent himself or herself as a professional music therapist.

Subchapter 3 Fees.

Rule 14.3.1 Schedule of Fees. The following non-refundable fees apply to this Part and are payable to the Department

| 1. | Application and Initial Licensure Fee | \$100.00 |
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| 2. | Licensure Fee | \$150.00 |
| 3. | Renewal Fee | \$150.00 |
| 4. | Late Renewal Fee | \$100.00 |
| 5. | Reinstatement Fee | \$100.00 |
| 6. | Verification Fee | \$25.00 |

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Subchapter 4 Continuing Education.

- **Rule 14.4.1** Requirements. Licensed music therapists shall comply with the following continuing education rules as a prerequisite to licensure renewal:
 - 1. **General Requirement.** Licensed music therapists who were issued a license by endorsement shall provide proof of passing the examination for board certification offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization, and provide proof that the applicant is currently a board-certified music therapist.
 - 2. **Ethics Requirement.** Each licensee shall complete at least one (1) contact hour in an ethics course related to the practice of music therapy. Acceptable ethics topics include, but are not limited to, cultural competency, end-of-life care, ethical supervision, sexual harassment, confidentiality (HIPAA), informed consent, business practices, academic integrity, citizenship, and client/civil rights.
 - 3. **Certified Music Therapists.** Licensees certified and in good standing with CBMT may satisfy the continuing education requirement by submitting proof, in form and content acceptable to the Department, of compliance with CBMT continuing education standards.
 - 4. **Prorated Requirement for New Licensees.** Individuals licensed during a licensure term shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated

basis. Written notice of the required hours shall be provided at the time of licensure.

5. Failure to Comply.

- a. A licensee who fails to complete the required continuing education hours shall be issued a CE probationary license for one (1) licensure term.
- b. Failure to complete the required hours during the probationary term shall result in license revocation.
- 6. **Limitation on Probationary Status.** CE probationary status may be granted only once and is limited to a single licensure period. A licensee shall not be eligible for probationary status in consecutive or subsequent renewal cycles.
- 7. **Reinstatement.** A license revoked for failure to meet continuing education requirements may be reinstated at the discretion of the Department. Reinstatement shall require payment of the renewal fee and the late renewal/reinstatement fee as set forth in Subchapter 3 of these regulations.

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- Rule 13.4.2 Content Criteria. The content must apply to the field of music therapy and performance and must be designed to meet one of the following goals:
 - 1. Update knowledge and skills required for competent performance beyond entry level as described in current legislation and regulations;
 - 2. Allow the licensee to enhance his knowledge and skills;
 - 3. Provide opportunities for interdisciplinary learning;
 - 4. Extend limits of professional capabilities and opportunities; and
 - 5. Facilitate personal contributions to the advancement of the profession.

- Rule 13.4.3 Sources of Continuing Education. Continuing education units may be accrued through attendance at programs sponsored or approved for continuing education by the following groups:
 - 1. The Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT);

- 2. The American Music Therapy Association (AMTA);
- 3. Southeastern Region of the American Music Therapy Association (SER-AMTA); or
- 4. Regulatory boards for music therapy in any jurisdiction in the United States.

Subchapter 5 Professional Standards.

Rule 14.5.1

- 1. Before an LPMT provides music therapy services to a client for an identified clinical or developmental need, the licensee shall review the client's diagnosis, treatment needs and treatment plan with the health care providers involved in the client's care.
- 2. Before an LPMT provides music therapy services to a student for an identified educational need in a special education setting, the licensee shall review with the individualized family service plan or individualized education program team the student's diagnosis, treatment needs and treatment plan.
- 3. During the provision of music therapy services to a client, the LPMT shall collaborate, as applicable, with the client's treatment team, including the client's physician, psychologist, licensed clinical social worker or other mental health professional.
- 4. During the provision of music therapy services to a client with a communication disorder, the LPMT shall collaborate and discuss the music therapy treatment plan with the client's audiologist or speech-language pathologist so that a music therapist may work with the client and address communication skills.
- 5. When providing educational or health care services, an LPMT may not replace the services provided by an audiologist, a speech-language pathologist or an occupational therapy practitioner. Unless authorized to practice speech-language pathology, music therapists may not evaluate, examine, instruct or counsel on speech, language, communication and swallowing disorders and conditions. An individual licensed as a professional music therapist may not represent to the public that the individual is authorized to treat a communication disorder. This does not prohibit an LPMT from representing to the public that the individual may work with clients who have a communication disorder and address communication skills.

- Rule 13.5.2 Unprofessional Conduct. "Unprofessional conduct" includes but is not limited to the following acts or practices:
 - 1. Practicing, condoning, facilitating, collaborating with or engaging in discrimination against prospective or current clients, students, employees, supervisees, or research participants based on age, culture, disability, ethnicity, race, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status/partnership, language preference, socioeconomic status, immigration status, or any basis proscribed by law;
 - 2. Being convicted of any crime an essential element of which is larceny, embezzlement, obtaining money, property or credit by false pretenses or by means of a confidence game, dishonesty, fraud, misstatement or moral turpitude (e.g., unauthorized disclosure of patient information; improper alteration of a patient record; inappropriate or unlawful use of drugs or alcohol; assault, battery, or abuse of a patient; sexual contact with a patient; gross or repeated malpractice or negligence; improper professional financial dealings);
 - 3. Performing, or pretending to be able to perform, professional services beyond one's scope of practice and one's competency as defined by education, training, supervised experience, State and national professional credentials, and appropriate professional experience;
 - 4. Procuring, attempting to procure or renewing a license by bribery or by fraudulent misrepresentation;
 - 5. Aiding or assisting another person in violating any provision of the Act or this Chapter;
 - 6. Misrepresenting educational background, training, credentials, competence, or staff memberships;
 - 7. Exploiting a client for personal advantage, profit, or interest, including engaging in the sexual exploitation of clients;
 - 8. Failing to maintain the confidentiality of any information received from a client, unless otherwise authorized or required by law;
 - 9. Advertising in a matter that is deceptive, misleading, or false. LPMTs may only claim or imply professional credentials possessed and are responsible for correcting any misrepresentations of their credentials by others;

- 10. Submitting fraudulent claims for services to any person or entity including, but not limited to, health insurance companies or health service plans or third party payors;
- 11. Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug which results in inability to practice with reasonable skill, judgment, or safety; and
- 12. Receiving discipline by another governmental agency or unit of government, by any jurisdiction of the United States, or by a foreign nation, if at least one of the grounds for the discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to those set forth in this Chapter.

Subpart 6 Grounds for Discipline, Administrative Proceedings & Sanctions

- **Rule 14.6.1** Grounds for Discipline. Individuals who are licensed may, at the discretion of the Board, have their licenses suspended, revoked, or denied if the Board determines that the individual is guilty of any of the following:
 - 1. Ineligibility for licensure, including, but not limited to, falsification of information submitted for licensure or failure to maintain status as a board-certified music therapist;
 - 2. Failure to pay fees when due;
 - 3. Failure to provide requested information in a timely manner;
 - 4. Conviction of a felony;
 - 5. Conviction of any crime that reflects an inability to practice music therapy with due regard for the health and safety of clients and patients, or with due regard for the truth in filing claims with Medicare, Medicaid or any third-party payor;
 - 6. Inability or failure to practice music therapy with reasonable skill and consistent with the welfare of clients and patients, including, but not limited to, negligence in the practice of music therapy; intoxication; incapacity; and abuse of or engaging in sexual contact with a client or patient;
 - 7. Disciplinary action by another jurisdiction;
 - 8. Violating any lawful order, rule, or regulation adopted by the Board; and/or
 - 9. Violating any provision of this Chapter.

- Rule 14.6.2 Complaints. Any person may file a complaint against an LPMT or a person practicing music therapy who is not otherwise exempt from the Act and this Chapter. A person wishing to report a complaint or alleged violation of the rules in this Chapter may notify the Department. Complaints shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Department to determine whether they state a possible violation. Each complaint received shall be logged, recording at a minimum the following information:
 - 1. Name of the licensed individual;
 - 2. Name of the complaining party, if known;
 - 3. Date of complaint;
 - 4. Brief description of complaint; and
 - 5. Disposition.

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Rule 14.6.3 Investigations.

- 1. The Board is authorized to conduct investigations into allegations of misconduct under this Chapter and may commence an investigation whenever it has reason to believe that a violation of the Act or this Chapter has occurred.
- 2. If grounds for discipline are established, the Board may impose sanctions as provided under Rule 14.6.4 (Sanctions).

- **Rule 14.6.4** Sanctions. Upon finding that a violation of the Act or rules in this Chapter has occurred, the Board may impose one or more of the following sanctions:
 - 1. Denial or refusal to renew a license;
 - 2. Suspension or revocation of a license;
 - 3. Issuance of a warning or reprimand;
 - 4. Placement of the licensee on probation with conditions, which may include:

- a. Regular reporting to the Department;
- b. Completion of continuing education to achieve competency; or
- c. Compliance with other reasonable requirements or restrictions; and/or
- 5. A fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.

Rule 14.6.5 Administrative Appeals. Any person aggrieved by a decision regarding the initial application for licensure, the renewal of licensure, or the imposition of sanctions shall have the right of administrative appeal as follows:

1. Right to Hearing.

- a. Any applicant or licensee aggrieved by denial, refusal of renewal, suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action may request a hearing by filing a written request with the Department within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice of the action.
- b. If requested in writing within the specified time frame, a hearing shall be provided at which the applicant or licensee may show cause why the license should be granted, renewed, or not disciplined.

2. Scheduling and Procedure.

- a. Upon receipt of a timely request, the State Health Officer shall appoint a Hearing Officer within thirty (30) days, who shall schedule the hearing at a time and place convenient to all parties.
- b. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with due process requirements and may be confidential unless otherwise required by law.
- c. The licensee may appear personally, may be represented by counsel at their own expense, and shall have the right to present witnesses and evidence, and to cross-examine opposing witnesses.
- d. A court reporter shall attend and transcribe the proceeding.
- 3. **Burden of Proof.** The burden shall rest with the applicant or licensee to demonstrate that the Department's decision was:
 - a. Arbitrary or capricious;

- b. Unsupported by substantial evidence;
- c. Beyond the Department's legal authority; or
- d. In violation of statutory or constitutional rights.
- 4. **Findings and Recommendation.** Within sixty (60) days of the hearing, or such other period as determined during the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall submit written findings of fact and a recommendation for action on the license in question to the State Health Officer.
- 5. **Final Decision.** The State Health Officer shall decide what action will be taken on the recommendation within ten (10) days of its receipt. The decision of the State Health Officer shall constitute the Department's Final Order.
 - a. Written notice of the decision shall be provided to the applicant or licensee at the address or email on record with the Department. It is the duty of each licensee to maintain current contact information with the Department.
 - b. Right to Appeal Final Order. An appeal of the Final Order shall be in accordance with applicable state law. Failure to timely appeal shall render the decision final and unappealable.

- **Rule 14.6.6 Summary Suspension.** The Board may summarily suspend a license issued under this Part without a hearing, simultaneously with the filing of a formal complaint and notice of hearing, if the Board determines that:
 - 1. The health, safety, or welfare of the general public is in immediate danger; or
 - 2. The individual's physical capacity to practice his/her profession is in issue; or
 - 3. The individual's mental capacity to practice his/her profession is in issue.

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Rule 14.6.8 Suspension for Failure to Pay Child Support. In addition, the Department is authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a

license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this Part, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 93-11-157, §93-11-163, and 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2741, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. July 1, 2025)