



ADVOCATE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY AS A RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED HEALTHCARE PROFESSION

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To: Meghann Lawrence, LMT, Chair, and Members of the Board of Massage

From: Comments Submitted by the WSMTA Clinical Practices Program as approved by the WSMTA Board of Directors

Re: WSMTA Suggestions and comments on Chapter 246-830-005 Definitions.

The Washington State Massage Therapy Association (WSMTA) recommends that we add "Perineum" to the definitions WAC. WSMTA has been putting the definition of Perineum in each WAC it is mentioned in because a) we realize that not all massage therapists will see the definition in WAC 246-830-005 and will therefore interpret this word anyway they choose to if they see it and b) because of the legally sensitive nature of this area, we want to make sure everyone knows what it refers to every time it is mentioned.

Therefore, we are suggesting that the term be added to the WAC 246-830-005 to be consistent. Our suggested changes is in red:

(18) "Perineum" means the tissues between the anus and scrotum or vulva.

(19)(18) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health or the secretary's designee.

(20)(19) "Student" means an individual currently enrolled in a massage school, massage program or apprenticeship program who is practicing massage solely for the purposes of education and training as part of their current course work and who is not receiving compensation for said practice.

Thank you for your consideration,

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