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Physical Therapist Assistant Surrenders License

Random Competency Audit Reveals Fraud

SACRAMENTO – A Physical Therapist Assistant has surrendered her license as part of a stipulated settlement after she falsely signed documents indicating she had taken continuing competency coursework.

Lisa Marie Muller-James surrendered her license to the Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) effective April 22, 2013.

In January 2011, Muller-James signed under penalty of perjury a Physical Therapist Assistant renewal application certifying that she had accumulated at least the minimum continuing competency hours. She further certified that if she was audited by the PTBC she could submit evidence of completion of continuing competency hours. In July 2011, as part of a random continuing competency audit, PTBC staff requested documentation to demonstrate Muller-James compliance with her completion of continuing competency hours. Muller-James failed to respond to board staff's request and did not document her continued competency compliance.

Her license surrender became effective April 22, 2013.

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The Physical Therapy Board regulates over 27,000 licensees who practice physical therapy in California. The license status of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants can be verified by visiting the Board's website at www.ptbc.ca.gov. Information about filing complaints against the Board's licenses is also available on the Board's website.