

**URGENT State Certification Renewal Information for
ALL Wisconsin Certified Massage Therapists and Bodyworkers**

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2007 Wisconsin Act 104 updated *Wis Stats Chapter 460, Massage Therapy & Bodywork*, to require all Wisconsin Certified Massage Therapists & Bodyworkers (and other healthcare providers) to be proficient in the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The law does **not** require anybody to purchase of an AED. It does, however, apply to those getting Wisconsin certified for the first time and to all of us who will be renewing.

Prior to your state certification renewal deadline of **February 28, 2009**, you must complete a CPR/AED certification course approved by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (listed below). Although the new law specifies AED certification, qualifying AED training is offered only as a component of CPR certification programs. At the time of renewal, and at every subsequent renewal, you must have evidence of current certification and must sign an affidavit attesting that it is current. For more information about the changes, please visit the "What's New" Webpage at: <http://drl.wi.gov/prof/mass/whatsnew.htm>

Department of Health Services Approved CPR/AED Courses

http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/License_certification/CPR.htm

The following courses fulfill the CPR/AED training requirements for Massage Therapists and Bodyworkers' renewal requirements. Note that each organization names its course differently. Course length varies (5-8 hours), as well as how long the certification stays current (some good for one year, some for two) but all of the below qualify. Course costs are in the \$40-\$70 range, including materials. An excellent place to look for a course is the Wisconsin Technical College System, which has 47 campuses covering the entire state. Most of those campuses have many satellite locations and have multiple course offerings. www.wtcsystem.org/colleges.htm

- **American Heart Association** – www.americanheart.org
CPR for the Healthcare Professional Course (5 hours, good for 2 years)
- **American Red Cross** – www.redcross.org
CPR for the Professional Rescuer Course (8 hours, certification good for 1 year; annual RE-certification course is a 4 hour course)
- **American Safety and Health Institute** – www.ashinstitute.org
CPR Pro – Professional Level CPR/AED Course
- **American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons - Emergency Care and Safety Institute** (formerly National Safety Council) – www.ecsinstitute.org
Professional Rescuer CPR Course
- **Medic First Aid** (formerly EMP America) – www.medicfirstaid.us/
Basic Life Support for Professionals Course

As a service to members the AMTA-WI Chapter will be offering qualifying CPR/AED courses on a limited basis. Since we cannot possibly provide for all 1750 members, you should seek a course on your own as soon as possible in order to meet the next renewal deadline of **February 28, 2009**.