



# American Music Therapy Association

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New Jersey Music Therapists:

In keeping with the mission of AMTA to insure that clients have access to quality music therapy services, and in conjunction with the goals of the AMTA State Recognition Operational Plan, AMTA fully supports the New Jersey Task Force on Occupational Regulation as they seek state recognition for the profession through the proposal of a tiered Music Therapy License within the state.

The New Jersey Task Force is one of 24 active state task forces across the country currently addressing the goals of the State Recognition Operational Plan. During this multi-year effort, extensive outreach is being conducted with state agencies, related departments and state legislators to seek the inclusion of music therapy within state regulations and to seek official state recognition of the profession.

In New Jersey, these efforts have been guided by a legislative consultant, who has assisted the task force with this extensive process. Much research, background information, and supportive documentation has been compiled and provided during numerous meetings with state officials and legislators over the last 2 years. All of this work was necessary to help determine the best route for state recognition in New Jersey.

Based upon the recommendations from these state officials, creation of a state license for music therapists appears to be the best route for official recognition of the profession. It is the goal of the Task Force to have music therapy recognized as a viable profession in the state and AMTA fully supports their objective.

Sincerely,

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