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**Texas Board of
Physical Therapy Examiners**

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Dear ECI Program Directors and ECI physical therapists,

Staff from the Texas Board of PT Examiners and the ECI State office have worked together for several years to answer questions from Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants working in the ECI setting. Representatives from the board, representatives from the ECI state office and two additional licensed Physical Therapists met in April, 2006 at the offices of the PT board to discuss some of these issues. This group was able to come to a common understanding of the interrelationship of the PT licensing rules and ECI policy for PTs working in the ECI setting.

As a result of that April 2006 meeting, a "crosswalk" document has been developed to clarify terminology, and compare ECI requirements to PT rules. That document is entitled "PT Rules/ECI Setting Requirements" and accompanies this letter. We hope that these two documents will serve as a reference for ECI directors and PTs, and provide answers to questions in the future. Please share both this letter and the Crosswalk with all of the Physical Therapists employed by your program, including both contract and salaried staff.

It is the intention of the both the Board and ECI to include this information on their respective websites in the future, and will notify you when it is available there. It is our hope that you find this information helpful. Please contact your assigned program consultant at the ECI State office if you have any questions.

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