



New Brunswick Massotherapy Association: Working Together for a Brighter Future

The New Brunswick Massotherapy Association has been representing registered massage therapists in all regions of the Province since 1988.

This Association is also part of the Massage Therapy Alliance of Canada; the only national body that represents professional massage therapists in Canada.

Membership in the NBMA is currently limited to graduates of an accredited 2,200 hour program from the schools which the Association approves. Policy 3-13 NBMA website. Applicants for membership **may be** required to successfully complete entrance exams administered by the Association. (Policy 3-12 NBMA website).

Blue Cross, in addition to other major insurance companies, recognizes all members of the Association as health care service providers. The members of the Association have a longstanding reputation of providing quality care in a professional manner.

NBMA provides the following benefits:

- liability insurance at discounted group rates
- strict code of ethics
- membership in the Massage Therapy Alliance of Canada
- requirements for continuing education
- dispute resolution mechanism to respond to complaints from the public
- regular general meetings to allow for input from the membership
- NBMA sponsored conferences and workshops
- elected board of governors and executive committee
- student membership at reduced rates
- bilingual (French/English) services
- subscription to Group Health Benefits Plan – from Blue Cross

NBMA has recently presented draft legislation to the Government of New Brunswick for presentation to the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity. Regulation of the profession will help bring massage therapy into the mainstream of health care in the province. It will also provide increased protection to the public and improve employment prospects for registered massage therapists across the province.

For information on upcoming entrance exam schedules and other Association requirements, contact the Registrar at 506-459-5788 or cdoherty@nbma-amnb.ca