Update: California laws and regulations for hypnotherapists and other alternative health providers.

As of the new year, MIOH has added Tara Natarajan to our Advisory Board as our legal counsel. She is also a recent graduate of our school.

In reviewing California laws with regard to hypnosis, there were a couple of things Tara has brought to my attention that I want to make you aware of. For information on the other update go to: [Belonging To a Hypnosis Certifying Organization](http://sdhypnosistraining.com/mioh/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Belonging-to-a-cert.-hypnosis-organization.docx)

**Client Disclosure Forms:**

**Alternative Healthcare Disclosure Forms are now required for all practitioners in the alternative/complementary healthcare field.**

*In 2003 California legislation required that a disclosure statement be given to each new client. You keep one copy on file for three years. In California, Senate Bill SB-577 was passed allowing alternative practitioners to practice freely. Included in this bill is the requirement for you to use a disclosure statement.*

MIOH first made generic disclosure forms available when the bill passed, and the forms are still available on the MIOH website. Tara has brought it to my attention that it is still necessary to have each new client sign a duplicated form—which cannot be copied—keeping one for yourself and giving the other to the client. (The client can do whatever they want with it.) You, the hypnotherapist, should hold on to your signed copy for at least three years. Therefore, I want to re-emphasize that each graduate needs to obtain a form and utilize it in your practice.

You can create your own form, but remember that it has to be a duplicate form. You can also order them from MIOH. I’ve attached information about the law and how to order the forms. If you have any questions you can call me or speak with Tara.

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**Order disclosure forms:** [**http://sdhypnosistraining.com/mioh/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/To-all-Health-Care-Workers.doc**](http://sdhypnosistraining.com/mioh/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/To-all-Health-Care-Workers.doc)