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The Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for establishing minimum educational and competency standards, as well as regulating chiropractic practice within the state. The board continues to propose changes to update regulations as needed. We, as a board, are committed to providing efficient and effective regulatory oversight, guiding our profession into the future. The future of the implementation of the Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant (CCCA) Statute AS 08.20.168 is now.

The purpose of this letter is to remind our doctors of the upcoming deadline of 2/23/2021 for the requirement of certification of currently employed Chiropractic Clinical Assistant in the State of Alaska. This year has proven to be a very challenging year for everyone and the board has recognized the impact that the pandemic has had on our profession and small businesses in general. The original certification deadline of 08/23/2020 was moved to 02/23/2021 in order to help to mitigate the stress on our offices.

The main goal of certification of Chiropractic Clinical Assistants is to protect the public by establishing universal educational standards within our state. Other goals for the program include minimizing litigation and granting a better authority in our relationships with health insurance companies. Currently, there are 15 states that require certification of Chiropractic Clinical Assistants. Please take the time to view REGULATIONS 12 AAC 16.052. CHIROPRACTIC CLINICAL ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE in its entirety for full up to date information on certification and statue.

The two approved national programs for the administration of certification of Chiropractic Clinical Assistants (CCA) in the State of Alaska are the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and the Chiropractic Therapy Assistant (CTA) Program administered by the Tennessee Chiropractic Association. Each program has its own set of requirements. Doctors are encouraged to work with staff on picking the program that best fits their needs and following through on the program guidelines prior to the 02/23/2021 deadline.

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