

Alaska State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Newsletter

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ALASKA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners met on January 14, 2005 for its regularly scheduled meeting in Anchorage.

Present were Board Members:

Dr. Greg Culbert, President (Eagle River)
Dr. David Mulholland, Vice President (Anchorage)
Dr. Clark Davis, Secretary (Ketchikan)
Dr. Carol Davis (Fairbanks)
Sean Siegel, Public Member (Anchorage)

Present from the Division of Occupational Licensing:
Cindy Roccodero, Licensing Examiner
Margaret McQuaid, Investigator
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist (telephonically)

Present from the Peer Review Committee:
Dr. Mark Kufel

Visitors are welcome.

MEETINGS/EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULE 2005

MEETING DATES/LOCATION-2005

June 24, 2005: State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Ave., 9th Floor, Conference Room 'A', Juneau

EXAMINATION DATES- 2005

April 15, July 15, and October 15

Examinations are held in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

BOARD POSITION STATEMENTS

At its January 14, 2005 meeting the board was informed by the Department of Law that it does not have statutory authority to create position statements.

To follow are position statements the board has created which are now the board's opinion:

Laboratory Procedures and Venipuncture
Diagnostic Ultrasound
Doctor-Patient Relationships

PEER REVIEW UPDATE

The Peer Review Committee is advisory to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

There are currently two vacancies, public member and a state licensed chiropractic physician.

The board is soliciting nominations for replacements. Application for Appointment to the Peer Review Committee can be obtained from the board's web page at: www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pchi.htm

Current members of the Peer Review Committee are Dr. James Heston and Dr. Nick Williams.

NATIONAL BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS (NBCE) UPDATE

Report from November 12-14, 2004 Part IV Examinations

Dr. Clark Davis was the board member elected to attend the NBCE Part IV examinations in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Clark Davis stated that he was impressed with the procedures and objectiveness of the NBCE. He said the examination was performed in a very organized and methodical manner.

FEDERATION OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSING BOARDS (FCLB) UPDATE

Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE) Update

The board has requested regulatory wording to be added to 12 AAC 16.320 reflecting that PACE approved programs will be accepted, provided they meet the criteria set out in 12 AAC 16.320.

The board, upon request, will continue to review continuing education requests for approval from those programs that choose not to go through PACE.

REGULATIONS

The board reviewed and made amendments to several of its regulations and drafted new regulations. The proposed regulations that have been presented to the Division's Regulations Specialist are:

ARTICLE 5 –NEW SECTION UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL

- (a) A licensed chiropractic physician may delegate to chiropractic assistants/aides the performance of physiological therapeutic modalities.
- (b) The licensed chiropractic physician shall have in possession written treatment plans formulated by the chiropractic physician for each patient under the care of the chiropractic assistant/aide.
- (c) The licensed chiropractic physician shall give the chiropractic assistant/aide supervision and shall be available for consultation with the chiropractic assistant/aide.
- (d) A licensed chiropractic physician who employs a chiropractic assistant/aide shall;
 - (1) determine the frequency and manner of consultations with the chiropractic assistant/aide, taking into consideration the treatment settings being used, patient rehabilitation status, and the competency of the chiropractic assistant/aide;
 - (2) fully document the supervision provided, including a record of all consultations provided, and maintain those records.

12 AAC 16.990 Definitions

New subsection: (6) "physiological therapeutic modalities" means the use of thermotherapy, cryotherapy, high-frequency currents, low-frequency currents, interferential currents, hydrotherapy, exercise therapy, stretching, bracing and supports, trigger point therapy, ultrasound and other forms of therapy.

This does not include the practice of physical therapy as a profession nor does it include the diagnosis, formulation of chiropractic impression or chiropractic adjustment.

12 AAC 16.920 MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

New subsection: (c) a doctor-patient relationship is established once a consultation, evaluation, diagnosis, opinion, or treatment recommendation about a patient's actual personal health care history occurs in a clinical setting.

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12 AAC 16.030 LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

New subsection: (a)(5) An applicant who has held a license in any state, jurisdiction, or foreign country will need to submit verification of present license status reflecting the applicant has held a licensed in good standing to practice chiropractic.

12 AAC 16.170 Special Examination

The board unanimously agreed and decided to eliminate section (a) of 12 AAC 16.170. Special Examinations will be offered to Locum Tenens Permit applicants only.

12 AAC 02.150(a)(1) FEES

New subsection: (D) \$25 application fee for Continuing Education Requests for Approval.

The board would like to remind readers that these are proposed changes and not yet in effect. Public comment received regarding the proposed changes prior to and after the public comment period will not be heard.

If you are interested in receiving notification of proposed regulation changes, submit a written request to be placed on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Interested Parties List and mail the request to:

Regulations Specialist
Division of Occupational Licensing
P.O. Box 110806
Juneau, AK 99811-0806

All public notices of proposed regulation changes are posted on the Division's web page at:
www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CE)

CE Requests for Approval

A continuing thank you to Dr. Fred Risch for his ongoing review of requests for board approval of continuing education courses.

Requests for CE approval are received by the licensing examiner, who indexes the courses and forwards them to Dr. Risch.

Dr. Risch reviews the "Continuing Education Program Request for Approval" forms, course schedules, course descriptions, credentials of the instructors, number and type of credit hours, and makes a recommendation to the board.

The board, in a mail ballot or at a meeting, reviews Dr. Risch's recommendations and votes on course approval.

Approved courses are listed on the Division's web site: <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ>

This process may be assisted in the future by the upcoming PACE program.

It is the INDIVIDUAL CHIROPRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY to check the web site or with Licensing Examiner, Cindy Roccodero (cindy_roccodero@commerce.state.ak.us).

Requests are to be submitted in advance in legible handwriting or type.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING UPDATE

Investigative Report

Margaret McQuaid, Investigator, presented the investigative report to the board, which reflected that there are five open cases, of which two are for the same doctor, and three closed cases. One licensee remains on probation for five years.

All complaints must first go through the Division's Investigator ((907) 269-8184) and not through the board.

Anyone may make a complaint against a chiropractor. The Division investigates all complaints.

The cost of investigations is directly reflected in the licensing fees of chiropractors.

Licensing information is public record (except information which is required to be kept confidential by state and federal law).

Information regarding current licensees, including mailing addresses and license actions, are available on the Division's web site:

www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pchi.htm

Click on "Professional License Search" and fill in the boxes necessary for the individual licensee.

There are approximately 235 active licenses.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

It is the objective of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to foster professional standards consistent with the best interests of the public and to do so in accordance with the laws of the state.

The board does not represent chiropractors; that is a function of professional societies or associations. However, the board does try to work with these organizations toward common goals.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to foster higher professional standards relative to the practice of Chiropractic in the State of Alaska consistent with the best interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

The values we embrace are equity, honesty, responsibility and collaboration.



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