

State of California
Board of Chiropractic Examiners



Created in December 1922, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) regulates the chiropractic profession in California. The Board licenses chiropractors, provides license status information, educates consumers, investigates complaints, and pursues disciplinary actions.

The Board ensures that only applicants who have completed the necessary education, examination, and experience requirements receive a California license to practice chiropractic. The Board oversees approximately 14,000 licensed Doctors of Chiropractic (D.C.s), often called chiropractors in the State, and 19 chiropractic schools and colleges in the United States and Canada.

The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. It is comprised of five licensed doctors of chiropractic and two members who represent the public.



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WHAT IS CHIROPRACTIC?

Chiropractic is a health care profession that emphasizes the power of one's own body to heal itself, without the use of drugs or surgery. The practice of chiropractic focuses on the relationship between structure (primarily the spine) and function (as coordinated by the nervous system), and how that relationship affects one's health.

The chiropractic approach is prevention-based, focusing on diet, exercise, and lifestyle, and emphasizes natural methods to wellness. A typical chiropractic visit may include an evaluation, adjustments (manipulations of the spine), and other methods to optimize health and function to the spine and/or arms and legs.

A chiropractor treats conditions such as a headache, neck pain, lower back pain, sports-related injuries, hand/feet pain, shoulder pain, knee/elbow pain, work-related injuries, carpal tunnel syndrome, etc.

WHAT WE DO

The Board licenses and regulates California chiropractors who provide chiropractic care in a variety of settings. In overseeing the chiropractic industry and fulfilling its mission to protect consumers, the Board performs a number of activities, including:

Setting Educational Standards

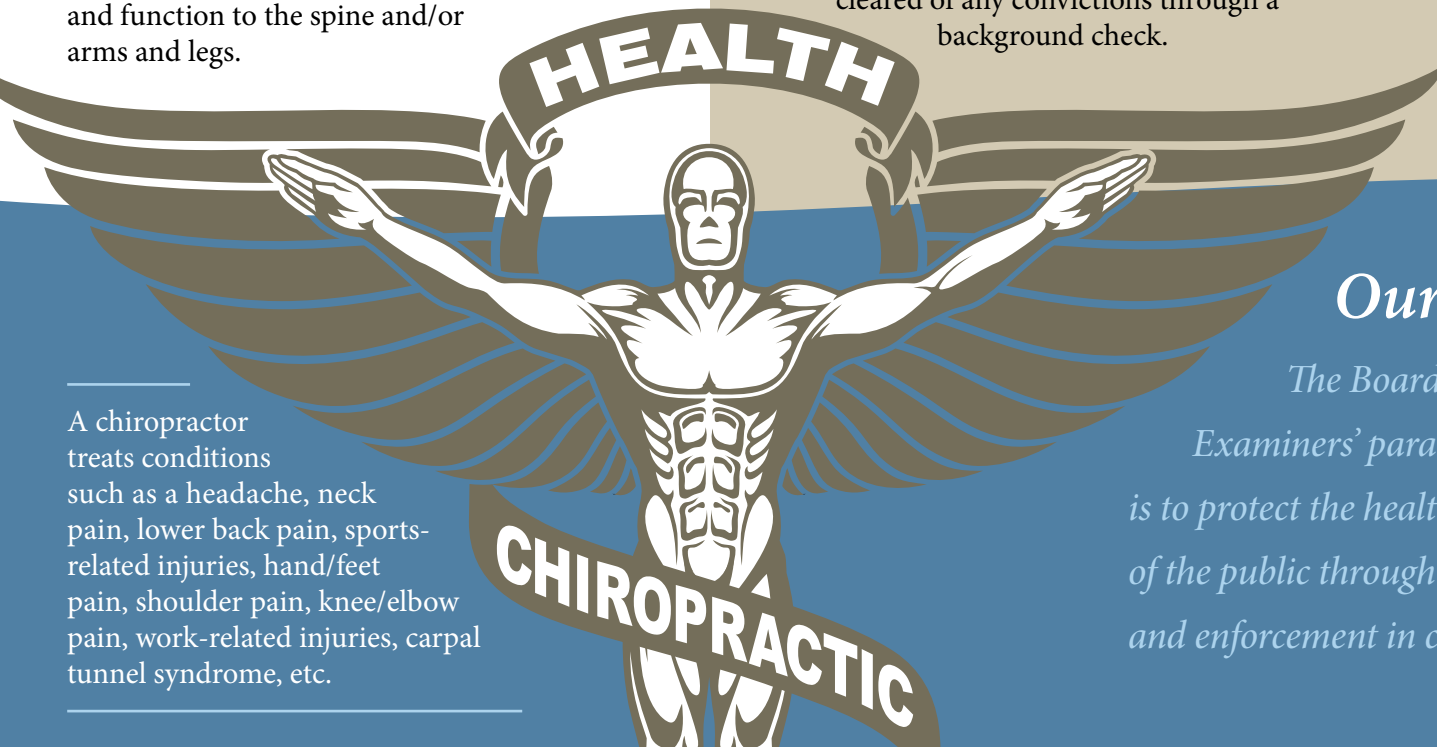
The Board's requirements, including its regulation of continuing education, prepare individuals to become licensed chiropractors.

Evaluating Licensure Applications

To be licensed, the applicant must complete the educational requirements, pass a national licensing examination, as well as the California Law & Professional Practice exam, and be cleared of any convictions through a background check.

Enforcing Chiropractic Standards

The Board is responsible for investigating complaints and taking any disciplinary actions. Contact the Board if you wish to file a complaint against your chiropractor or an unlicensed individual who is offering/providing chiropractic services.



Our Mission

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners' paramount responsibility is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public through licensure, education, and enforcement in chiropractic care.

