BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Ste. 260
Sacramento, CA 95833

October 7, 2011

NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 11346.8(c) and section 44 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter "Board") is providing notice of changes made to proposed regulation section 317.3 which was the subject of a regulatory hearing on September 15, 2011. These changes are in response to comments received regarding the proposed regulation.

A copy of the modified text is enclosed and is also available on the Board's web site at www.chiro.ca.gov. Any person who wishes to comment on the proposed modifications may do so by submitting written comments between October 10, 2011 and October 25, 2011. All written comments must be submitted to the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on or before October 25, 2011, to the following:

Dixie Van Allen, Policy Analyst
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 263-5329
FAX (916) 263-5369
Dixie.vanallen@chiro.ca.gov

All written comments received by October 25, 2011, which pertain to the indicated changes will be reviewed and responded to by the Board's staff as part of the compilation of the rulemaking file. Please limit your comments to the modifications to the text.

Dated: 10/7/11

ROBERT PULEO, Executive Officer
Board of Chiropractic Examiners

TITLE 16. BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
Proposed Omnibus Consumer Protection Regulations

Modified text during the 45-day comment period: additions to the current language are shown as single underline and deletions are shown as single strikeout.

Modified text during the 1st 15-day comment period: There were no additions to the originally proposed language. Deletions to the originally proposed language are shown by double strikeout.

§303. Filing of Addresses.

(a) Each person holding a license to practice chiropractic in the State of California under any and all laws administered by the board shall file his proper and current place of practice address of his principal office and, where appropriate, each and every sub-office, with the board at its office in Sacramento and shall ~~immediately~~ notify the board at its said office of any and all changes of place of practice address, giving both his old and his new address within 30 days of change.

(b) Each licensee shall file a current and accurate e-mail address with the board at its office in Sacramento and shall notify the board at its said office of any and all changes of the e-mail address, giving both the old and new e-mail address within 30 days of change.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-4(e), Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923 p. 1xxxviii).
Reference: Section 1000-10(a), Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923 p. 1xxxviii) and Section 136 of the Business and Professions Code.

§304. Discipline by Another ~~State~~ Jurisdiction.

~~The revocation, suspension, or other discipline by another state of a license or certificate to practice chiropractic, or any other health care profession for which a license or certificate is required, shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a chiropractic licensee or grounds for the denial of chiropractic licensure of an applicant in this state.~~
(a) Any disciplinary action taken against a licensee by another licensing entity or authority of this state or of another state or an agency of the federal government or the United States Military or a foreign government constitutes unprofessional conduct.

(b) Disciplinary action is defined as any revocation, suspension, probation, or reprimand of a professional license.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10(a), ~~of the~~ Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California (Stats. 1923, p. ~~l~~1xxxviii).

Reference: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10(a) ~~of the~~ (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California (Stats. 1923, p. ~~1~~1xxxviii) and Sections 141 and 480 of the Business and Professions Code.

§308. Display of License.

(a) Each person holding a license shall display a current active license in a conspicuous place in the licensee's principal office or primary place of practice.

(b) Any licensed Doctor of Chiropractic with more than one place of practice shall obtain from the Board a Satellite Office Certificate for each additional place of practice. Said certificate must be renewed annually.

(c) A licensed Doctor of Chiropractic must display in a conspicuous place a current active Satellite Office Certificate at the office for which it was issued.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b) and (c), any licensed doctor of chiropractic who is practicing in a mobile setting, such as at a health fair, a sporting event, or a patient's home, shall not be required to obtain and display a satellite certificate. However, any licensee practicing in such a mobile setting must at all times carry a current and active pocket license and shall make their pocket license available for inspection to a representative of the Board or any member of the public upon request.

(e) No licensed Doctor of Chiropractic shall display any chiropractic license, certificate or registration, which is not currently active and valid.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1000-4(b), Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii) and Section 104 of the Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 1000-5, 1000-7 and 1000-12, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii) and Section 104 of the Business and Professions Code.

§317.2. Gag Clauses in Civil Agreements Prohibited.

(a) A licensee shall not include or permit to be included any of the following provisions in an agreement to settle a civil dispute arising from his or her practice, whether the agreement is made before or after the filing of an action:

(1) A provision that prohibits another party to the dispute from contacting or cooperating with the board.

(2) A provision that prohibits another party to the dispute from filing a complaint with the board.

(3) A provision that requires another party to the dispute to attempt to withdraw a complaint he or she has filed with the board.

(b) A violation of this section constitutes unprofessional conduct and may subject the licensee to disciplinary action.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b), and 1000-10 (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii) and Section 475 of the Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Section 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii) and Section 475 of the Business and Professions Code.

§317.3. Licensee Reporting Requirements.

(a) (1) A licensee shall report any of the following to the board:

(A) The bringing of an indictment or information charging a felony against the licensee.

(B) The conviction of the licensee, including any verdict of guilty, or plea of guilty or no contest, of any felony or misdemeanor.

(C) Any disciplinary action, as defined in section 304, taken by another licensing entity or authority of this state or of another state or an agency of the federal government.

(2) The report required by this subdivision shall be made in writing within 30 days of the date of the bringing of the indictment or the charging of a felony, ~~the arrest,~~ the conviction, or the disciplinary action.

(b) Failure to make a report required by this section shall constitute unprofessional conduct.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).
Reference: Section 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).

§321.1. Physical or Mental Examination of Applicants.

(a) In addition to any other requirements for licensure, whenever it appears that an applicant for a license may be unable to perform as a chiropractor safely because the applicant's ability to perform may be impaired due to mental illness or physical illness affecting competency, the board may order the applicant to be examined by one or more physicians and surgeons, chiropractors, or psychologists designated by the board. The board shall pay the full cost of such examination.

(b) An applicant's failure to comply with an order issued under subdivision (a) shall render his or her application incomplete.

(c) The report of the evaluation shall be made available to the applicant.

(d) If after receiving the evaluation report the Board determines that the applicant is unable to safely practice, the Board may deny the application.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-4(e), Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).
Reference: Section 1000-4(b), Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).

§390.7. Sexual Contact With Patient.

Except as otherwise provided, any proposed decision or decision issued in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, that contains any finding of fact that the licensee engaged in any act of sexual contact, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 729 of the Business and Professions Code, shall contain an order of revocation. A proposed decision shall not contain a stay of the revocation.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).
Reference: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).

§390.8. Required Actions Against Registered Sex Offenders.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, with regard to an individual who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code, or the equivalent in another state or territory, under military law, under federal law, or by a foreign government, the board shall be subject to the following requirements:

(1) The board shall deny an application by the individual for licensure in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(2) If the individual is licensed under Chiropractic Initiative Act, the board shall promptly revoke the license of the individual in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. The board shall not stay the revocation nor place the license on probation.

(3) The board shall not reinstate or reissue the individual's license. The board shall not issue a stay of license denial nor place the license on probation.

(b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) An individual who has been relieved under Section 290.5 of the Penal Code of his or her duty to register as a sex offender, or whose duty to register has otherwise been formally terminated under California law or the law of the jurisdiction that requires his or her registration as a sex offender, provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the Board from exercising its discretion to deny or discipline a license under any other provision of state law.

(2) An individual who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code solely because of a misdemeanor conviction under Section 314 of the Penal Code. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the healing arts board from exercising its discretion to deny or discipline a license under any other provision of state law based upon the licensee's conviction under Section 314 of the Penal Code.

(3) Any administrative adjudication proceeding under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code that is fully adjudicated prior to [insert effective date]. A petition for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license shall be considered a new proceeding for purposes of this paragraph, and the prohibition against reinstating a license to an individual who is required to register as a sex offender shall be applicable.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).
Reference: Sections 1000-4(b) and 1000-10, Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923, p. 1xxxviii).