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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



Unprofessional Conduct: Preventing Some Common Missteps

Professional conduct is the foundation for regulations governing Board of Chiropractic Examiners’ (Board’s) practitioners. Although we may recognize unlawful activities obviously violate professional conduct, we don’t always consider that unprofessional conduct also includes actions that cast the chiropractic profession in a negative light. Malpractice and behavior likely to endanger the public are prime examples of a broader interpretation of unprofessional conduct.

Whenever a malpractice settlement exceeding \$3,000 is reached between a practitioner and a patient, the Board is notified. Injuries precipitating malpractice suits range from broken and dislocated bones to strokes.

Malpractice is costly. It drains dollars and also undermines the integrity of a robust practice—not only for the practitioners affected but for all those within the profession. On a very real level, it involves unprofessional conduct.

Malpractice is avoidable, however. Chiropractors who ensure their staff members are appropriately trained and, when necessary, properly monitored, greatly reduce the risk of a malpractice suit. Many patient injuries occur when the chiropractor isn’t in the office and has delegated a relatively unqualified assistant to administer a complex patient procedure.

It is not uncommon for today’s chiropractor to engage other individuals to perform massage or other services, sometimes at a satellite office opened under the chiropractor’s name and license number. In some instances, the chiropractor

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“The Board’s paramount responsibility is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public through licensure, education, and enforcement in chiropractic care.”

Attention, Chiropractors!

The Board needs your help.

We need chiropractors to volunteer as subject matter experts (SMEs) to help with the development of the Law & Professional Practice Exam. Your participation is essential to ensure that the exam accurately assesses whether candidates possess sufficient knowledge of chiropractic laws and regulations to practice safely in California.

Upcoming SME Workshops for 2014

September 23–24: Item Writing

October 21–22: Item Review #1

December 9–10: Item Review #2

January 20–21: Exam Form Construction

February 24–25: Passing Score

SME Workshops will take place at:

Department of Consumer Affairs
Office of Professional Examination Services
(OPES)
2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 265
Sacramento, CA 95834
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QUESTIONS?

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may not fully know the individuals until some illegal activity attracts the attention of the Board or other law enforcement agencies. As a result, respected chiropractors—including those with impeccable professional ethics—can find their practices damaged as surely as though the misconduct had been their own. More importantly, licensed chiropractors can be held accountable for the actions of their employees. While you may view this as unprofessional conduct by association, the bottom line amounts to unprofessional conduct just the same.

Practitioners can avoid being associated with others with less scrupulous ethics. Chiropractors can adopt the straightforward precautions most employers use by verifying the names of prospective employees against arrest, citation, and warrant information available at any local court house. When hiring new staff, chiropractors should also retain employee applications, check references, and keep current information on anyone with access to patients or patient files.

If a chiropractor must be away from the office for extended periods of time, he or she should assign supervision of a new employee to a trustworthy staff member, especially at an off-site facility. Chiropractors should pay particular attention to the operation hours at a satellite office—suspicious or unauthorized hours usually indicate potential illegal activity.

Take the necessary time and precautions at the beginning, and then avoid possible unprofessional conduct situations. It can save you and your practice money and its reputation in the long run.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public Board Meetings:
www.chiro.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/index.shtml

October 28, 2014
Southern California
(Specific time and location TBA)

BOARD MEETING VIDEOS

View the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' meetings from your home, workplace, or mobile device at www.chiro.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/notices_mtgsvideo.shtml.

Check the License

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) advises consumers to check the license of any individual claiming to be a chiropractic doctor.

A properly licensed chiropractic doctor has completed comprehensive academic and clinical training, passed national and State examinations, and completed a background check before the Board will issue a license. Chiropractic doctors must renew their license annually and post their license in plain view for consumers to see.

You can easily verify a license by checking our website at www.chiro.ca.gov and clicking on "License Search." Enter the name or license number, and the search will confirm if the individual is licensed. The search also has additional information, such as whether the licensee has a pending disciplinary action or prior disciplinary action, or whether his or her license is on probation.

You may also obtain this information by contacting the Board directly at (916) 263-5355 or toll-free at (866) 543-1311.

Meet the Board



**SERGIO F. AZZOLINO,
D.C., CHAIR**

Sergio F. Azzolino, D.C., of San Francisco, was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on May 24, 2012. Dr. Azzolino has been the Director at Azzolino Chiropractic, Inc. since 1995. He served as faculty at Life Chiropractic College West from 1996 to 1999 and currently is an assistant professor of Clinical Neurology at the Carrick Institute for Graduate Studies. Dr. Azzolino earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Life Chiropractic College West. He is a Diplomate and Vice President of the American Chiropractic Neurology Board, Diplomate in pain management through the American Academy of Pain Management, Fellow of the American College of Functional Neurology, and Fellow of the American Board of Childhood Development Disorders. He serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Functional Neurology, Rehabilitation, and Ergonomics (FNRE). He was voted the Chiropractic Neurologist of the Year in 1999 by the American Chiropractic Association Council on Neurology, and Clinician of the Year in 2010 at the International Conference of Functional Neurology. From 2008 to 2010, Dr. Azzolino served as the Northern California Delegate to the American Chiropractic Association. He is a qualified medical evaluator and serves as an expert witness for disputes in workers' compensation system, personal injury, and malpractice cases.



**HEATHER DEHN,
D.C., VICE-CHAIR**

Heather Dehn, D.C., of Sacramento, was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on May 24, 2012. Dehn has been the owner of Dehn Chiropractic since 1995. She earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer Chiropractic College.



**JULIE ELGINER, DR.
PH, SECRETARY**

Julie Elginer, Dr. PH, of Calabasas, was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on May 24, 2012. Elginer has been a lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health, and founder of Elginer Advocacy Group since 2011. She was a graduate student researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research from 2008 to 2010 and senior marketing manager at Amgen from 1999 to 2007. Elginer served as adjunct faculty for the Advisory Board Company at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 2002 and was a financial analyst for Abbott Laboratories from 1995 to 1997. She earned a Doctor of Public Health degree in health services from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Masters of Business Administration degree in marketing and strategy from the University of Maryland.



FRANK RUFFINO

Frank Ruffino was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on December 21, 2012. Ruffino is the General Services Administrator for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He previously served as a Community Partnership Manager at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. He was Regional Administrative Officer at the California Department of Fish and Game from 2004 to 2008, and Hospital General Services Administrator at the California Department of Veterans Affairs from 2000 to 2004. Ruffino has served in multiple positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 1985 to 2000. Also, Ruffino serves as the Vice President for Governmental Affairs for the Association of California State Supervisors. Additionally, he served as a member of the City of Chula Vista Civil Service Commission and the Coalinga City Planning Commission. Ruffino has dedicated his life to community service and has been a volunteer with many community organizations.



COREY LICHTMAN, D.C.

Corey Lichtman, D.C., of San Diego, was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on April 1, 2014. Lichtman has been team chiropractor and medical coordinator for the San Diego Sockers since 2009 and owner and president of Lichtman Chiropractic, Inc. since 2006. He was associate chiropractor at Reiley Chiropractic, Inc. from 2003 to 2005. Lichtman earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Southern California University of Health Sciences.



DIONNE MCCLAIN, D.C.

Dionne McClain, D.C., of Los Angeles, was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on February 14, 2014. McClain has been an adjunct professor at the Southern California University of Health Sciences since 2008 and a chiropractor at McClain Sports and Wellness, Inc. since 2000. She was a chiropractor and team consultant for the Los Angeles Avengers from 2000 to 2001, and held multiple positions at the University of Southern California Athletic Medicine Department from 1989 to 2005, including chiropractor and consultant and assistant athletic trainer. McClain earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix.



JOHN ROZA, JR., D.C.

John Roza, Jr., D.C., of Roseville, was appointed to the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Brown on February 14, 2014. Roza has been a chiropractor and owner at John Roza, Jr., D.C., since 1988. He is a member of the California Chiropractic Association. Roza earned a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Pasadena College of Chiropractic.

ACCUSATIONS FILED July 1, 2013–April 30, 2014

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	DATE FILED	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Booth, Vincent-Bakersfield	DC 14320	8/14/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of a felony crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; committing an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; participating in an act involving fraud or misrepresentation
Goldenson, Mary-Los Angeles	DC 13530	8/5/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol and dangerous drugs; conviction of a crime involving the consumption of alcohol and dangerous drugs
Sweeney, Jonathan-Santa Clara	DC 32167	8/16/2013	Dangerous use of alcohol; act of fraud or dishonesty
Daniel, Calen-Sebastopol	DC 32057	9/23/2013	Act of moral turpitude; sexual misconduct; gross negligence; failure to report change of address; failure to obtain informal consent
James III, Robert Lee-Redding	DC 14949	9/25/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; engaged in conduct likely to endanger public
Davidson, Joshua-Elk Grove	DC 28363	10/25/2013	Gross negligence; moral turpitude; sexual misconduct; failure to maintain patient records; dishonest acts; endangering public health, welfare, and safety; fraud; failure to maintain chiropractic treatment records; moral turpitude and dishonesty; failure to display license; repeated acts of negligence
Hutchinson, David-Corona	DC 21374	10/23/2013	Criminal conviction for making fraudulent claims; convictions of an offense involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; knowingly fabricating false documents relating to the practice of chiropractic; participation in acts of fraud and misrepresentation; dangerous conduct
Roman, Victor-Glendale	DC 30578	10/21/2013	Unlicensed practice; gross negligence; repeated negligence acts; incompetence; dangerous conducts; dishonest acts; knowingly signing false documents; participation in fraud or misrepresentation; failure to refer patient; failure to keep patient records; failure to maintain accountable billings; insurance fraud; illegal advertisement; violating provisions of Chiropractic Act
Nathan, Todd-Panorama City	DC 16777	11/25/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; payment for a referral of patients; knowingly making or signing a false document relating to practice of chiropractic; false statement or information in application for licensure; act involving fraud or misrepresentation; committing an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption
Altadonna, Benjamin-Danville	DC 21215	12/11/2013	Use of false or deceptive advertising; gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; public endangerment; acts involving moral turpitude and/or dishonesty; participating in acts of misrepresentation
Cancaro, Dana-Atascadero	DC 13964	12/18/2013	Sexual misconduct; failed to follow patient record requirements
French, Ronald-Ventura	DC 30982	12/4/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; violating the provisions of the law regulating the dispensing or administration of controlled substances
Krage, John-San Diego	DC 14672	12/30/2013	Gross negligence; repeated negligence acts; false advertising; excessive treatment; dishonesty; use of laser for purposes other than those approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Kwait, Joseph-San Anselmo	DC 31500	12/20/2013	Self-administrating drugs to extent dangerous to public
Woods, Kerry-Whittier	DC 21571	12/19/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol; conviction of crimes involving consumption of alcohol
Danchisin, Drew-Oakland	DC 20559	1/14/2013	Conduct likely to endanger health, welfare, or safety of the public; conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of offense involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, physical violence, or corruption; violating any provision or term of the act or the regulations
Edwards, William-Santa Ana	DC 21955	4/3/2014	Fraud or misrepresentation; dishonest acts; gross negligence; endangering health, welfare, or safety of the public
Hill, Brent-Modesto	DC 18107	1/15/2014	Violation of laws governing dispensing and administering controlled substances; conduct likely to endanger health, safety, or welfare of the public
Jung, Randal-Yuba City	DC 25576	1/31/2014	Gross negligence; moral turpitude; fraud and misrepresentation; false documents; violation of the Chiropractic Initiative Act; danger to public; repeated negligent acts
Montgomery, Curtis-Riverside	DC 24749	1/9/2014	Repeated negligent acts; excessive treatment; referral of patients and failure to disclose financial relationship; failure to maintain records; dishonest or fraudulent act
Dahan, Daniel-Long Beach	DC 19744	2/6/2014	Insurance fraud; endangering the public welfare; commission of acts involving moral turpitude and dishonesty; knowingly making document relating to the practice of chiropractic that falsely represents the existence of a state of facts; participation in acts of fraud and/or misrepresentation
Eng, Karl-Pasadena	DC 23799	3/12/2014	Unlicensed practice; dishonesty/fraud; failure to release patient records available; failure to respond to interview request
Amini, Daryoush-Santa Ana	DC 22570	3/10/2014	Criminal conviction for substantially related crime; dangerous use of prescription medications; dishonesty—false statement of fact—fraud or misrepresentation; failure to notify Board of change of address

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Edwards, William Randolph-Santa Ana	DC 21955	4/3/2014	Fraud or misrepresentation; dishonest acts; gross negligence; endangering health, welfare, or safety of the public
Chung, Christian Eunsung-Lakewood WA	DC 27406	4/9/2014	Conviction of a substantially related crime; convictions for acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; knowingly fabricating fraudulent documents relating to the practice of chiropractic
Lee, Ku Il-Canyon Lake	DC 27799	4/9/2014	Conviction of a substantially related crime; convictions for acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; knowingly fabricating fraudulent documents relating to the practice of chiropractic
Ringer, Donald Phillip-Tracy	DC 20764	4/30/2014	Failure to refer to a physician; repeated negligence acts; excessive treatment; gross negligence

* As used in this summary, the term "accusation" is a formal document that notifies a licensee of the agency's charges against the licensee and that requests a disciplinary order. The licensee is entitled to contest the charges in a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. An accusation is usually resolved by an agency decision following such a hearing or by an agency decision pursuant to a settlement agreement. Often there is a considerable period of time between the date of filing an accusation and the resolution of the accusation.

CITATIONS FILED July 1, 2013–April 30, 2014

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	FINE AMOUNT	DATE ISSUED	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Palmer, Donald-Folsom	DC 23677	\$ 4,000	8/5/2013	Failure to identify self as chiropractor when using the prefix "Dr."; misleading advertising
Giliberto, Lorraine-Riverside	DC 16387	\$ 300	9/4/2013	Failure to maintain patient records; failure to provide patient records
Lovell, Pamela-Templeton	DC 26435	\$ 300	11/5/2013	Exceeded scope of practice
Pinnix, John-El Cajon	DC 20348	\$ 200	1/7/2014	Unlicensed practice; practicing with expired license

* Payment of the fine is a satisfactory resolution to the citation.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FILED July 1, 2013–April 30, 2014

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Chen, Guang -San Gabriel	n/a	Application for licensure denied	7/18/2013	Performed massage without a massage therapist license; solicited customers for sex; used fictitious name for acupuncture business without notifying Acupuncture Board; failed to register place of business with Acupuncture Board; failed to post acupuncture certificate in a conspicuous place in place of business; dismissed from chiropractic college for practicing chiropractic without a license
Cissel, Wayne-Reno NV	DC 31505	Voluntary surrender	7/26/2013	Failed to comply with terms of probation
Hong, Kenneth -Colton	DC 30750	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	7/11/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol
Sassounian, Hrayr -Glendale	DC 21112	Revoked	7/25/2013	Sexual misconduct with a patient; endangering public health, welfare, or safety; act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; fraud or misrepresentation; violations of the Chiropractic Act
Shafer, Christopher-Canoga Park	DC 26313	Revoked	7/25/2013	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Tovanyan, Arutyun-North Hollywood	DC 29828	Revocation stayed, 30 days suspension, 3 years probation	7/27/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction involving dishonesty acts; participation in act involving fraud or misrepresentation
Vidal, Terrence-Los Angeles	DC 26163	Revoked	7/26/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conduct has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public
Wazac, Dennis-Delhi	DC 26511	Voluntary surrender	7/6/2013	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Ball, Christopher-Fremont	DC 24256	Revoked	8/16/2013	Conviction of a crime; use of alcohol in a manner dangerous to self or others
Evans, David-Apple Valley	DC 27754	Revocation stayed, 5 years probation	8/10/2013	Sexual misconduct on premises; sexual misconduct; endangering the public; violation of any act or provision of the Board's regulations
Kirchmann, Luigi-Palmdale	DC 26966	Revocation stayed, 5 day suspension, 3 years probation	8/19/2013	Gross negligence; repeat negligent acts; incompetence; dishonest acts; knowingly signing false documents; participation in fraud or misrepresentation; excessive treatments/diagnostic procedures; failure to maintain accountable billings; insurance fraud; self-referrals with same office; violating provisions of Chiropractic Act
Ko, Yong-Rohnert Park	DC 30016	Revoked	8/11/2013	Engaging in conduct which has or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public; use of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, or to any other person or to the public; conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of an offense involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, physical violence, or corruption; conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage; violation of any of the provisions of law regulating the dispensing or administration of narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances

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NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Shinn, Yong-Las Vegas, NV	DC 22465	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	8/26/2013	Conviction of a substantially related crime
Painter, Michael-Oakley	DC 15103	Revoked	9/28/2013	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Oakley, Nora-Seal Beach	DC 19020	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	9/13/2013	Failure to properly maintain practice address with the Board; failure to display current active license; offered compensation for referral
Nightingale Matthew-Reno NV	DC 31985	Voluntary Surrender	9/7/2013	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Kurestian, Shahan-Glendale	DC 31558	Revocation stayed, 10 day suspension, 3 years probation	10/10/2013	Making false statement in license application; using alcoholic beverages in a manner to be dangerous to himself or others; endangering the health, welfare or safety of the public
Ellis, Jason-Hanoi Vietnam	DC 29926	Revocation	11/28/2013	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Kim, Phillip Jung-Wan-Los Angeles	DC 24057	Voluntary Surrender	11/18/2013	Acts of dishonesty; false representations
Lee, Christine-Oakland	DC 28900	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	11/18/2013	Gross negligence; repeated negligence acts; incompetence; participating in act of fraud or misrepresentation; failure to properly maintain patient records
Zeiler, Thomas-Ft. Collins CO	DC 15632	Revocation stayed, 30 day suspension, 5 year probation	11/30/2013	Sexual misconduct
Natividad, Ventura-San Diego	DC 26646	Revocation	12/6/2013	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Shaw, Helen-San Jose	DC 20787	Revocation stayed, 5 years probation	12/23/2013	Excessive treatment
Han, Nga-Garden Grove	DC 27920	Voluntary Surrender	1/3/2014	Insurance fraud; act of fraud or misrepresentation; presenting false/fraudulent claim
Goldenson, Mary-Los Angeles	DC 13530	Voluntary Surrender	1/19/2014	Conviction of a substantially related crime; dangerous use of alcohol and dangerous drugs; conviction of a crime involving the consumption of alcohol and drugs
Smith, Brian-San Diego	DC 28856	Voluntary Surrender	2/1/2014	Failure to comply with terms of probation
Naim, Alan-El Segundo	DC 29474	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	3/12/2014	Gross negligence; clearly excessive treatment; incompetence; making false documents related to practice of chiropractic; commission of dishonest acts; participation in acts of misrepresentation or fraud; failure to ensure accurate billings; preparation and/or presentation of false claim
Hyslop, Jonathan-San Francisco	DC 30007	Revocation	3/20/2014	Failed to notify Board of address change; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence/incompetence; acts of dishonesty; failed to keep patient records; failed to reimburse for overbilling
Sababi, Majid-Beverly Hills	DC 22150	Revocation stayed, 2 years probation	3/27/2014	Repeated negligent acts; failure of proper documentation; failure to ensure accurate billings; responsibility for conduct on premises; moral turpitude
Morris, Ronald Lorland-Los Angeles	DC 12771	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	4/12/2014	Conviction of a substantially related crime; crime involving moral turpitude; false statements on license application; unlicensed practice; inaccurate billings; failed to make records available
Gooing, Michael-Costa Mesa	DC 14925	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	4/14/2014	Gross negligence; repeated negligence acts; incompetence, excessive treatment; conduct endangering health, welfare, or safety; commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; participating in an act of fraud or misrepresentation; offering, delivering, receiving, or accepting of any refund, commission, or consideration as compensation or inducement for referring patients; not referring patient to a physician; omission in patients records; lack of informed consent
Booth, Vincent-Bakersfield	DC 14320	Revocation stayed, 5 years probation	4/19/2014	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of a felony crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; committing an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; participating in an act involving fraud or misrepresentation
Sweeney, Jonathan-Santa Clara	DC 32167	Revocation stayed, 8 years total probation from 12/15/2011	4/12/2014	Commission of a crime; consumption of alcohol
Aguilera, Francisco Javier-Bakersfield	DC 18722	Revocation stayed, 3 years probation	4/20/2014	Conviction of a substantially related crime; conviction of more than one crime involving the use of dangerous drugs or alcohol; dangerous use of controlled substance or alcoholic beverages; making or giving false statement or information in application for licensure; failure to ensure accurate billing of chiropractic services; knowingly making or signing a false document; act involving fraud or misrepresentation; committing an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; making or giving a false statement or information in application for licensure



Earn Continuing Education Credit for Attending Our Board Meetings

Section 361(g)15 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (Board's) regulations allows a licensee to earn a maximum of four hours of continuing education (CE) credit per renewal period for attending a full Board meeting that includes the hearing of cases related to petitioners seeking the reinstatement of revoked licenses or early termination of probationary licenses. A petitioner may not earn any CE hours for attending a Board meeting on the same day in which said petitioner's hearing is conducted. The attendance of a licensee at a Board meeting under this subparagraph shall be monitored and confirmed by Board staff designated by the Executive Officer.

Recently Enacted Laws and Regulations

- In 2011, a comprehensive overhaul of the continuing education and annual license renewal regulations was adopted, which increased the annual hourly continuing education requirement from 12 to 24 hours, expanded continuing education course selections, and clarified the license renewal requirements as they relate to the changes in continuing education (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, §§ 360–366 and 370–371).
- This same year, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) adopted fingerprint regulations requiring electronic fingerprint

- submission from all licensees and applicants who do not have electronic fingerprint records on file with the Board. This regulation ensures that the Board receives notification of all criminal convictions by chiropractic licensees and applicants from the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, § 321.1).
- In 2012, an informed consent regulation was adopted requiring doctors of chiropractic to inform their patients of proposed procedures that present a material risk and obtain their verbal and written informed consent

Continuing Education

How many hours of continuing education (CE) do chiropractic doctors need annually to renew their license to practice chiropractic in California?

For renewals beginning June 1, 2013, and after, 24 hours of CE are required per year. Six of the 24 hours are mandatory from within the following categories:

- 2 hours Ethics and Law
- 4 hours in any one of or combination of the following topics:
 - Chiropractic Adjustive or Manipulation Technique
 - History Taking and Physical Examination Procedures
 - Proper and Ethical Billing and Coding



prior to providing treatment (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, § 319.1).

- This same year, a regulation enacting requirements and restrictions for use of lasers by chiropractors was adopted (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, § 302.5).
- In October 2013, Section 367.7 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations was repealed to alleviate an inconsistency between names of chiropractic corporations and noncorporate chiropractic businesses.

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Our Office Has Moved

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Help Us Stay in Touch: Let Us Know If You've Moved

Section 303 of Title 16 of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (Board's) California Code of Regulations requires that licensed chiropractors in the State of California file with the Board a current address for each principal place of practice and for every associated satellite office.

You must notify us within 30 days of new addresses for any places of practice.

If we have your correct mailing address, you can avoid critical delays in receiving renewal notices or other important Board information.

Submit your address changes via U.S. mail or by fax by completing the Address Change Request form, which is available on the Board's website at www.chiro.ca.gov/forms_pubs/add_change.pdf.