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Notice of proposed changes relating to the practice of chiropractic in the regulations of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 16.030 Application for licensure by examination. The proposed regulations will make it so that initial licensees applying by examination, who have been licensed before in a state or jurisdiction of the United States, have to provide continuing education for the two years preceding the date of application. The continuing education is broken down to equal the requirements of a biennial licensing period for a licensed chiropractor in Alaska. The demonstrated public need for this regulation is safety. The Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners realized that the current regulations allow for a chiropractor to apply by examination without providing evidence that he/she had done any continuing education for any number of years; e.g., the current regulations allow for a previously licensed chiropractor to apply by examination and receive his/her license even if that person had been out of work as a chiropractor for ten years and had done no continuing education. The proposed regulations make sure that the incoming chiropractor is up to date with chiropractic.

12 AAC 16.033 and 12 AAC 16.037 Licensure by credentials and national examination requirements. The proposed regulations will update current regulations to comply with current National Board of Chiropractic Examiners requirements.

12 AAC 16.041 Preceptor scope of practice. The proposed regulations will establish criteria for a chiropractic physician acting as a chiropractic preceptor (supervising chiropractic physician) for a chiropractic intern (student) participating in a chiropractic college internship program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) to be placed in a clinical setting in the State of Alaska. Sets forth minimum experience level of supervising physician, establishes requirements for supervision of chiropractic intern and expectations of treatment/patient care, and requirement of base malpractice insurance coverage.

12 AAC 16.042 Intern scope of practice. The proposed regulations will establish the ability for CCE accredited chiropractic colleges to place graduate level students in a clinical settings with a supervising AK licensed chiropractic preceptor under college approved/monitored internship programs in the State of Alaska. Defines the procedures, actions, and processes as well as limitations surrounding those processes that a chiropractic intern (student) is permitted to undertake while participating in that internship. Defines the procedures, actions, and processes as well as limitations surrounding those processes that a chiropractic intern (student) is permitted to undertake while participating in a CCE accredited chiropractic college internship program while placed in a clinical setting in the State of Alaska under a supervising AK licensed chiropractic preceptor. Establishes and defines sanction parameters for chiropractic intern while participating in a CCE accredited chiropractic college internship program in AK.

12 AAC 16.048 Approved chiropractic specialty programs. The proposed regulations add International Board of Chiropractic Neurology (IBCN) to the list of authorized programs able to administer the already approved postgraduate diplomate specialty program of Chiropractic Clinical Neurology.

12 AAC 16.051 Patient examinations for school and sports activities. The proposed regulations allow chiropractic physicians' ability to perform physical examinations for school and sports activities.

12 AAC 16.052 Chiropractic clinical assistant scope of practice. The proposed regulations defines the procedures, actions, and processes, as well as limitations surrounding those processes that a Chiropractic Clinical Assistant (CCA) is permitted to undertake while employed in a chiropractic office. Defines the requirement and time frame for national certification of a CCA in the State of Alaska. Establishes which programs can be utilized to meet required national certification and provides for ongoing education/certification requirement of CCA. Ensures chiropractic patients are receiving care from appropriately trained and educated staff, according to current industry standards.

12 AAC 16.130 State chiropractic examination. The proposed regulations will remove the oral examination from the state chiropractic examination and will streamline the licensing processes

12 AAC 16.205 Courtesy license. The proposed regulations add an educational event to the list of "special events" that allow for a courtesy license to be issued.

12 AAC 16.290 Hours of continuing education required. The proposed regulations will cleanup/update/clarify current continuing education requirements. The current regulations are outdated. Also, the regulation will clarify that the jurisprudence review is worth two clinical credit hours. There has been confusion with chiropractors thinking it is worth two ethics credit hours.

12 AAC 16.400, .410, .420, and .430 “...Peer review...”. The proposed regulations will replace “peer” review committee with “utilization” review committee. This will be done throughout all of the regulations to comply with current state statutes.

12 AAC 16.990 Definitions. The proposed regulations will define types of supervision, specifically "general supervision" and "personal supervision." There are different types of supervision that is required of a supervising chiropractor, depending on who that chiropractor is supervising and what they are doing, e.g., a supervising chiropractor for an intern is required to provide personal supervision when that intern is using chiropractic core methodologies (no diagnosis), but only general supervision for when that intern is performing diagnostic imaging studies.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

- For chiropractors applying by credentials – Cost of adding Part III (\$685) and Part IV (\$1,535) of the National Examination: \$2,220.
- For preceptors – Estimated cost of maintaining a malpractice insurance policy with coverage limits of at least \$1,000,000 per claim, and a minimum aggregate limit of \$3,000,000 per policy period: \$2,200 – \$2,600.
- For chiropractic clinical assistants
 - Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board (FCLB) testing fee: \$150
 - FCLB renewal fee: \$35
 - Chiropractic Therapy Assistant (CTA) Program fee: \$299
 - CPR Certification fee: \$35 – \$100.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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