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Presidential Message

Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

I would like to welcome our newest member, Mrs. Patricia Wilson, to the Board. Mrs. Wilson was appointed to the Consumer Member position in early January. I am sure she will be a great addition to the Board.

The Board has a bill in the legislature with several housekeeping changes. We worked with the ASCA to answer their concerns and they support the legislation as amended. At the writing of this message the legislature is on break and will reconvene on April 2, 2013. We ask for your support of this legislation.

The Board has received calls about the use of Groupon and Social Living. While presenting the Alabama Law Seminar in Florida in February I was

given important information regarding advertisements on Groupon and Living Social websites. The Office Of Inspector General (OIG) has rendered an opinion regarding the use concerning Medicare and Federal programs. The opinion states that health care providers who utilize the services of these companies are engaging in fee splitting under Federal kickback laws.

The leasing out of your office to another entity to engage your patients for financial reimbursement is also considered fee splitting. This would include DME companies that are constantly contacting our offices for our services.

Gerald Collins, D.C.
President ASBCE

Alabama Law Hours Required for All Licensees

Per an amendment to RULE 190-X-2-.11 Renewal of License effective March 6, 2013 all licensees except those with a retired -R status are required to obtain 2 hours of Alabama Law as part of the 18 continuing education hours required for renewal. This includes active and inactive licensees, in or out of Alabama.

First year licensees must obtain 4 hours.

Online Seminars

CE 4 You offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Richard Schmitt at 1-301-717-7178.

1. "AIDS and Infectious Disease"
2. "Coding & Documentation"
3. "Extremity Adjusting"
4. "Faulty Movement Patterns"
5. "Low Tech Rehab in Whiplash"
6. "Radiology in Practice"
7. "Rehabilitation of the Athlete"
8. "Spinal Trauma"

CE 4 You offers the following ONLINE courses until August 2013. For information contact Richard Schmitt at 1-301-717-7178.

1. "Integrative Myofascial Release"
2. "The Perinatal and Pediatric Practice"

DCHours.com offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Debbie Bender. at 1-800-811-0269 or click https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/req/ahs_student/index.cfm?prog=18 for a list of all DC Hours courses approved by Alabama and for registration.

1. "Alabama Board Rules & Regulations"
2. "Basic MRI Part I"
3. "Basic MRI Part II"
4. "Basic MRI Part III"
5. "Spinal Decompression"
6. "Spinal Pain Syndromes"
7. "The Neurology of Pain"

DC Online offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact William Moreau, D.C. at 1-712-260-2507.

1. "Active Care of the Lumbar Spine"
2. "Alabama Board Rules & Regulations"
3. "Assessment & Management of the Hip for the Health Care Provider"
4. "Bloodborne Pathogens"
5. "Chiropractic & Soft Tissue Care"
6. "Immunization, Making Informed Choices"
7. "Physical Assessment & Management of the Knee"
8. "Professional Boundaries & Chiropractic"
9. "Recognizing Skin Conditions"
10. "Risk Management"
11. "Segmental Drop Adjusting"
12. "Special Populations in Chiropractic: The Osteoporotic Patient"
13. "Spine in Sports"

Logan College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Ralph Barrale, D.C. at 1-800-842-3234.

1. "Posture Practice Online 2013"

New York Chiropractic College offers the following ONLINE courses until May 2013. For information contact Cynthia Logatto at 1-516-796-5923.

1. "Master of Science Human Anatomy, Physiology: Urinary System, Acid / Base Balance Repro"
2. "Master Science Human Anatomy & Physiology Inst: Integumentary, Skeletal, Muscular System"

Northwestern Health Science offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Sara George at 1-952-885-5446.

1. "Foundations of Evidence Informed Practice: Using Research in Practice"
2. "Foundations of Evidence Informed Practice: Overview"
3. "Foundations of Evidence Informed Practice: Types of Research"
4. "Informed Practice: Understanding Research"

Palmer College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Kati Sproston at 1-563-884-5715.

1. "Activator Methods Track 1"
2. "Clinical Imaging (6)"
3. "Orthopedic Assessment & Interpretation"

Southern California University of Health Sciences offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Yvonne Rabago at 1-562-902-3373.

1. "Functional Diagnostic Medicine Training Program 2013 Mod 3"

Texas Chiropractic College offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Keiria Proctor, at 1-800-533-9822.

1. "Benefits of Spinal Manipulation"
2. "Bone Physiology: Calcium & Phosphorus Metabolism"
3. "Cervical Ligament Injury"
4. "Chiropractic Treatment of Auto Accident Injuries"
5. "Chiropractic Treatment of Golf Injuries"
6. "Dermatology in Chiropractic Practice"
7. "Diagnosis & Clinical Issues Group"
8. "Documentation: Doctor & Patient Protection"
9. "Evaluation of Whiplash Injuries"
10. "Exercise Strength & Conditioning"
11. "Fundamentals of Clinical Nutrition"
12. "Managing the Employee"
13. "Maximum Medical Improvement & Apportionment"
14. "Narrative Report Writing"
15. "Ominous Findings in the Head Pain Patient"
16. "Pain Management"
17. "Personal Injury Practice Series"
18. "Preparation Tips for Trials & Deposition"
19. "Spinal Cord Tumors & Myelopathy"

- 20.The Temporomandibular Joint”
- 21.“Treatment Plans”
- 22.“Trials, Arbitrations & Mediations”
- 23.“Weight Loss Management: Fitness & Nutrition”

University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic

offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2013. For information contact Paul Powers, DC at 1-860-463-9003.

- 1. “Acupuncture 201”
- 2. “Biomechanics”
- 3. “Coding & Documentation 203”
- 4. “Evidence Based Outcomes 210”
- 5. “Manipulation 104”
- 6. “Physical Diagnosis 136”
- 7. “Physical Therapy 101”
- 8. “Soft Tissue Injuries 115”
- 9. “National Registry Certified Medical Examiner 301”
- 10. “National Registry Certified Medical Examiner 302”
- 11. “National Registry Certified Medical Examiner 303”
- 12. “National Registry Certified Medical Examiner 304”

REMINDER

The Board no longer mails Renewal Cards or Clinic Permits. You now log in to the same website you used to complete the renewal and click “Print Renewal Card” to print your card at anytime during the year.

When the PDF opens you may also save the file to your computer.

Renewal Reminder

Please submit your certificates of attendance for continuing education to the Board as soon as you receive them. This makes the renewal process much easier. It is your responsibility to ensure your hours are submitted to the Board. Also, if you have already purchased your Section 136 Business License for the year 2012-13 please fax it to 205-755-0081 or email it to debra.darnell@chiro.alabama.gov.

Condolences

Dr. Jerry Wayne Tuggle. Dr. Tuggle graduated Palmer Chiropractic College in 1962 and received his Alabama license in 1962. He lived and practiced in Cullman, Alabama.

The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Tuggle.

Upcoming Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

East Tennessee Chiropractic Association presents the following courses. For information contact James Schroder, DC at 1-423-476-4751.

"Chiropractic and Anti-Aging" 6 hours April 6-7 in Knoxville, TN, April 20-21 in Memphis, TN, April 25 in Ashville, NC, April 27-28 in Charlotte, NC and June 29-30 in New Orleans, LA.

"Masters Extremity Adjusting-Upper" 6 hours April 4 in Johnson City, TN, April 6-7 in Knoxville, TN, April 20-21 in Memphis, TN, April 25 in Ashville, NC, April 27-28 in Charlotte, NC and June 29-30 in New Orleans, LA.

"Masters Scoliosis & Spine Adjusting" 6 hours April 4 in Johnson City, TN, April 6-7 in Knoxville, TN, April 20-21 in Memphis, TN, April 25 in Ashville, NC, April 27-28 in Charlotte, NC and June 29-30 in New Orleans, LA.

East West Acupuncture Seminars presents the following course. For information contact Kim Dorsey, DC. at 1-801-621-4989.

"100 Hour Acupuncture Certification Course" April 5-7 in Birmingham, AL.

Life Chiropractic College West presents the following course. For information contact Kendra L. Holloway, DC at 1-510-780-4508.

"Validating Chiropractic 2013" 13 hours April 13-14 in Coraopolis, PA, April 27-28 in Los Angeles, CA, May 4-5 in King of Prussia, PA, May 18-19 in Sacramento, CA and June 22-23 in Emeryville, CA.

Life University presents the following courses. For information contact Katy Stavovy at 770-426-2753.

"Bio-Geometric Integration 1" 18 hours April 19-21 in Oakland, CA, May 24-26 in Marietta, GA and June 14-16 in Whittier, CA.

CCEP - Certified Chiropractic Extremity Practitioner Module 7" 105 hours April 13-14, May 4-5 and June 1-2 in Marietta, GA.

"Enhancing Patient Care & Professional Integration Through Strategic Planning" 13 hours April 5-6 in Columbus, OH and April 26-27 in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

"Spinal Correction Workshop" 12 hours April 12-13 in Celebration, FL.

Logan College of Chiropractic presents the following courses. For information contact Ralph Barrale, DC at 1-800-842-3234.

"14th Annual Enzyme Nutrition Conference" 15.5 hours May 3-5 in Branson, MO.

"2013 Pro sport Educational Seminar" 13 hours May 4-5 in San Antonio TX.

"Advanced Training in Class IV Laser Therapy" 8 hours April 27 and June 22 in Franklin, TN.

"Homecoming 2013 & Midwest Conference" 32 hours June 13-16 in Chesterfield, MO.

"Loomis Institute of Enzyme Nutrition Seminar 2" 22 hours April 12-14 in Jeffersonville, IN.

National University of Health Sciences presents the following courses. For information contact Jonathan R. Soltys, DC at 1-630-889-6622.

"Illuminating the Energy Spectrum: Exploring the Evidence & Emerging" 20.5 hours May 30 and June 1 in Dallas, TX.

"The Cox Technic System for Spine Pain Relief Part III" 12 hours June 22-23 in Philadelphia, PA.

"The Cox Technic System for Spine Pain Relief Parts I & II" 30 hours April 18-21 in Ft. Wayne IN.

New York Chiropractic College presents the following courses. For information contact Cynthia Logatto at 1-516-796-5923

"Active Release Technique - Active Palpation Technique" 21 hours May 16-19 in Las Vegas, NV.

"Active Release Technique - Active Palpation Technique - Course with SFMA" 28 hours June 6-9 in Iselin, NJ.

"Active Release Technique - Long Tract Nerve Entrapment" 8 hours April 13 in Vancouver, BC, April 20 in Lakewood, NJ, May 18 in Las Vegas, NV and June 8 in Minneapolis, MN.

"Active Release Technique-Active Lower Extremity" 24 hours May 2-5 in Orlando, FL.

"Active Release Technique - Masters Course" 4.5 hours April 6 in Montreal, QC, April 13 in Chicago, IL, April 27 in Portland, OR, May 4 in Orlando, FL and June 1 in Santa Clara, CA.

"Active Release Technique - Recertification Course" 12 hours April 6-7 in Lakewood, NJ and May 18-19 in Auburn, NY.

"Active Release Technique - Upper Extremity" 24 hours April 4-7 in Montreal, QC, May 30 and June 2 in Santa Clara, CA, June 6-9 in Iselin, NJ and June 27-30 in Nashville, TN.

"Neuromechanical Innovations-Impulse Adjusting Systems Extremities Module" 12 hours April 20-21 in Chicago, IL and April 27-18 in Denver, CO.

"Neuromechanical Innovations-Impulse Adjusting Systems Pelvis & Spine" 12 hours May 4-5 in New Orleans, LA, June 1-2 in Detroit, MI and June 8-9 in

Toronto, ON.

"Active Release Techniques" 21 hours April 11-14 in Chicago, IL, April 25-28 in Portland, OR and May 16-19 in Las Vegas, NV.

Northwestern Health Sciences presents the following courses: For information contact Sara George at 1-952-885-5446.

"Health Source Super Camp" 12 hours April 19-21 in Dallas, TX.

"Light Up Your Practice" 12 hours April 20-21 in Birmingham, AL.

Palmer College of Chiropractic presents the following courses: For information contact Kati Sproston at 1-563-884-5715.

"Activator Methods Spring 2013: Basic" 12 hours each: April 6-7 in Chicago, IL, April 13-14 in Atlanta, GA, April 20-21 in Boston, MA, April 27-28 in Detroit, MI, May 4-5 in Philadelphia, PA, June 1-2 in Minneapolis, MN and June 8-9 in Calgary, Alberta.

"Activator Methods Spring 2013: Basic" 12 hours each: January 26-27 in Orlando, FL, February 2-3 in Houston, TX, February 7-9 in Honolulu, HI, February 16-17 in Sacramento, CA, March 2-3 in Columbus, OH, March 9-10 in Kansas City, KS, March 16-17 in San Diego, CA and Portland, OR, and March 23-24 in Denver, CO.

"Activator Methods Spring 2013: Intermediate" 12 hours each: April 6-7 in Chicago, IL, April 13-14 in Atlanta, GA, April 20-21 in Boston, MA, April 27-28 in Los Angeles, CA & Detroit, MI, May 4-5 in Philadelphia, PA, June 1-2 in Minneapolis, MN and June 8-9 in Calgary Alberta.

"Activator Methods Spring 2013: Advanced" 12 hours each: April 6-7 in Chicago, IL, April 13-14 in Atlanta, GA, April 20-21 in Boston, MA, April 27-28 in Los Angeles, CA & Detroit, MI, May 4-5 in Philadelphia, PA, June 1-2 in Minneapolis, MN and June 8-9 in Calgary Alberta.

"Dr. David Palmer Athletic Trust 2nd Annual Sports & Chiropractic Symposium" 12 hours each: April 12-14 in Davenport, IA.

"Gaston Technique-M1 Basic Training" 12 hours each: May 4-5 in Davenport, IA and May 11-12 in Port Orange, FL.

"World Fed Chiro Biennial Congress: Chiro under the African Sun: Current Principle" 18 hours: April 11-13 in Durban, South Africa.

Parker University presents the following course. For information contact Teresa Wright at 1-800-266-4723.

"Montreal Parker Seminar 2013" 19 hours April 18-19 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Sherman College of Chiropractic presents the following courses. For information contact Adam Ashcraft at 1-800-849-8771.

"Korean Specific" 16 hours April 20-21 in Toronto, Canada and May 18-19 in Portland Oregon

"Lyceum 2013-40 years & still Tic-ing" 56 hours May 23-25 in Spartanburg, SC.

"Pierce Results System Seminar Level 1" 12 hours April 12-13 in Marietta, GA.

Southern California University of Health Sciences presents the following courses. For information contact Yvonne Rabago at 1-562-902-3373.

"2013 ACCO Annual Convention - Orthopedic Essentials" 22 hours April 25-27 in Las Vegas, NV.

"2013 Chiropractic Sports Sciences Symposium" 33 hours April 18-21 in Colorado Springs, CO.

"Whiplash Injury Biomechanics & Traumatology 2013 Module 1" 12 hours April 6-7 in Charlotte, NC, April 20-21 in Las Vegas, NV and April 27-28 in Kansas City, MO.

"Whiplash Injury Biomechanics & Traumatology 2013 Module 2" 12 hours May 4-5 in Charlotte, NC, May 18-19 in Portland, OR, June 8-9 in Las Vegas, NV and June 29-30 in Kansas City, MO.

"Whiplash Injury Biomechanics & Traumatology 2013 Module 3" 12 hours June 1-2 in Charlotte, NC and June 22-23 in Portland, OR.

Texas Chiropractic College presents the following courses. For information contact Arely Espitia at 1-281-998-6061.

"Living Well in a Sick World: An Integrative Approach" 16 hours April 12-14 in St. Louis, MO.

"Mastering Nutrition with the Nutritional Exam" 12 hours May 18-19 in Kennesaw, GA.

Turning Point Logistic Systems presents the following courses. For information contact Angel Tribuno, D.C. at 1-706-882-2092.

"Basics of CBP Technique" 12 hours June 29-30 in Dearborn, MI.

"CBP Cervical Spine" 16 hours April 5-7 in Boise, ID.

"CBP Lumbar Spine" 16 hours May 17-19 in Boise, ID.

"CBP Thoracic Spine" 16 hours June 21-23 in Boise, ID.

"CBP Whiplash Injury" 12 hours April 27-28 in Morristown, NJ.

New Face on the Board



Congratulations to Mrs. Patricia Wilson the Board's new Consumer Member.

Pat Wilson received a B. A. Degree from Judson College in Marion, Alabama, with a major in English and a minor in History. After attending graduate school at the University of Alabama, she taught English in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Blytheville, Arkansas, and Shreveport, Louisiana. She received her Master's Degree in Gifted Education from the University of Alabama and taught Gifted Education in the Montgomery and Elmore County Public Schools. She retired in 2012.

Mrs. Wilson is married to James Eldon "Jim" Wilson, former United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama. They live in Montgomery, Alabama with their miniature dachshund, Lucy, and two cats, Sweet Pea and Target.

Non-Licensed Clinic Permit Required

Any clinic that provides any type of chiropractic service including EMG's must be properly permitted before the service is provided to patients.

Disciplinary Actions

Sayers, Todd E., DC License # 1455 - Consent order entered finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 34-24-166(b)(3) and (12) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$20,000.

HealthSource of West Mobile (Mobile, AL) Permit # A0073 - Consent order entered finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 34-24-166(b)(11) and (14) and assessing an administrative fine and costs in the amount of \$2,000.

Sales Tax Exemption Clarification

Pillows and DME's are not sales tax exempt. This exemption applies only to vitamins, minerals, and dietary supplements.

Seminars No Longer Retroactively Approved

Per amended rule RULE 190-X-1-.19 Criteria for Approval of Continuing Education (see page 10) seminars will no longer be retroactively approved. If a seminar has not been submitted to the Board and approved prior to your attending you will not receive credit for the hours for renewal. Please ensure when considering a seminar for Continuing Education Credit for renewal the seminar has been approved by the Board. If you are unsure you may contact the sponsor of the seminar and request the 6 digit Alabama approval code and contact Debra at 800-949-5838 ext. 221 to confirm the number is a valid approval number for the upcoming renewal period.

Also remember when you have completed an approved seminar and have obtained the certificate of hours you may fax them to the Board at 205-755-0081. It is better not to wait until you begin the renewal process to submit these.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITIVE COMMENTS

Thank you for taking care of gaining approval for the upcoming Palmer Florida Homecoming. We really appreciate all that you do to help us.

Dr. Todd Fetter called the Board office to wish the staff a Happy New Year and to tell us what a great job we did for the Chiropractic Board.

Congratulations to those licensed since January 2013



**LAUREN PAYNE COBB
ANDREW D'AMATO
PERRY HARRISON
JERALD L. JONES
AMANDA MARIE KEMP
JO ANN MELENDEZ
JILL KERLEY PALMA
BEN EDWARD WEBER**

**OF NORTHPORT, AL
OF FAYETTEVILLE, GA
OF TUSCALOOSA, AL
OF ENTERPRISE, AL
OF PRATTVILLE, AL
OF DAPHNE, AL
OF LEEDS, AL
OF MONTGOMERY, AL**

**This following rules were adopted and became effective March 6, 2013.
Please place a copy in your Office Master Copy of the Rules and
Regulations to avoid future violations of these rules.**

RULE 190-X-2-.11 Renewal of License

(1) Annual Renewal Required.

Each license shall be subject to renewal on September 30 of the year for which it is issued and every person having a valid license may on or before September 30th renew the license for the ensuing year by the payment to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the fees set forth below. Each licensee shall complete a renewal form provided by the Executive Director of the Board. Renewal notices will be mailed or emailed in August of each year.

(2) Continuing Professional Education Required. A minimum of 18 hours of continuing education as approved by the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is required annually for license renewal.

(a) As a condition of licensure renewal, a chiropractor must obtain every year a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board rules. The two (2) hours are included in the minimum of 18 hours.

(b) Any individual who is initially licensed as a chiropractor in this state after October 1, 2011 shall complete as part of the continuing education requirement four (4) hours of continuing education in Board approved courses on chiropractic regulation and compliance with the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and Board Rules as a condition of renewal for the year following their initial licensure.

(d) The requirement set forth in (a) and (b) above may be satisfied by distance based continuing education in addition to the distance based education allowed in paragraph (3).

(3) No more than one third (1/3) of the required hours may be completed in a distance based continuing education format which complies with the provisions of this rule. Annually shall mean October 1 - September 30 of each year.

(a.) All providers of distance based continuing education courses must be an entity approved by the Board.

(b.) Providers shall submit to the Board:

(aa.) the required fee and a completed FCLB Uniform Continuing Education Application,

(bb.) Curriculum Vitae of the course instructor(s).

(cc.) Proof of policies and procedures for implementation and evaluation of the course and the educational units.

(dd.) Electronic records of contact hours awarded to the licensee in a format and method specified by the Board.

(4) All seminars, workshops, and / or conventions staged in or out of the State of Alabama must be submitted to the Board for their approval. After examination of the subject material, the Board, in its discretion, may grant credit towards license renewal. In determining whether credit is granted and the number of credit hours granted, the Board shall consider the apparent quality of the material taught and its professional value to the practitioner.

The continuing educational requirement for the purpose of license renewal for any person who has graduated from a recognized CCE chiropractic college within the licensure year immediately preceding the licensure year indicated on the license renewal form except hours required in (2)(b) above may be met through attendance at a recognized CCE chiropractic college (a minimum of 18 hours). This applies only to the first license renewal period after initial licensing.

During the grace period (October 1 to December 31) for renewal, a licensee may complete any continuing education requirements for renewal that the licensee failed to complete during the prior fiscal year.

Hours obtained during the grace period do not qualify or apply to the deferral procedure outlined below. Hours must be received in the board office before January 1 to avoid reinstatement.

(5) Educational Requirement May be Waived or Deferred.

A licensee who cannot complete the continuing educational requirements because of personal illness, military service or other circumstances beyond the licensee's control which the board deems to be sufficient to impose a hardship may apply for a waiver or deferral of time to complete the continuing education requirements. Any waiver or deferral of time to complete the education requirements will be granted solely in the discretion of the board.

A licensee seeking a waiver or deferral must make application on the form provided by the Executive Director of the Board, prior to the December 31 license expiration for completion of the education requirement. For waivers or deferrals due to illness, the application form must be accompanied by a written statement from a physician stating the diagnosis, prognosis and length of time the licensee will be unable to practice or attend an educational program. Waivers or deferrals due to illness may be granted only to a licensee who has suffered a personal illness or personal disability of a nature that prevented or will prevent him/ her from engaging in the active practice of chiropractic for a significant portion of the continuing education period.

All licensees seeking waiver or deferral shall provide full and complete written documentation of the grounds supporting the reasons for which a deferral is sought. A licensee who requests a waiver or deferral of time to complete the required hours of continuing education shall not engage in the active practice of chiropractic beyond December 31 of any year and until the board grants the licensee's request for waiver or deferral.

(6) Renewal Fee Required.

(a) A fee not exceeding \$300.00 to be fixed by rule of the Board is required for annual license renewal. The renewal fee is \$300.00. This fee may be submitted in cashier's check, bank certified check, money order, or credit card.

(b) A licensee who is prevented from practicing chiropractic by reason of physical disability, temporary active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States, or while any licensee is completely retired from the practice of chiropractic may request a waiver or reduction of the fee for annual renewal. The waiver or reduction shall be effective so long as the disability, temporary active duty or complete retirement continues. Licensee must notify the Board within fifteen (15) days from the onset of any claimed physical disability, temporary active duty or complete retirement as set forth above. Licensee shall notify the Board within fifteen (15) days when any such condition no longer is applicable. Forms for waiver or reduction of fees must be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director.

(7) Late Penalty. A penalty shall be charged any person who fails to pay the renewal fee by September 30. The late penalty for renewal during the month of October is fifty dollars (\$50), for renewal during the month of November is one hundred dollars (\$100) and for renewal during the month of December is two hundred and fifty dollars (250).

(8) Lapsed License. A chiropractor may continue to practice until December 31 of the year for which a license is issued subject to Code of Alabama (1975) Section 34-24-165(b).

Effective: 3/6/90, (1) amended 5/91, (4) amended 8/96, (4) amended 1/97, (1) amended 7/12/97, (4) amended 6/98, (6) amended 5/99, (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) amended 1/2000, (4) amended 12/2000, (2) (3) amended 2/2001, (2) amended 3/2002, (2)(d), (3), (4) amended 8/2003, (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) 1/2004, (2)(a)(c)(e), (3)(a)(b) amended 6/2006, (1)(2)(a) amended 10/06; (6)(a) amended 1/09, (1)(5)(6)(b) amended 3/2009, (2)(b)(c) (6) (c) amended 10/2011, (6)(a) amended 6/2012, (2)(a)(c) amended 10/12

Authority: 34-24-165; 34-24-144; 34-24-176; 34-24-172

RULE 190-X-2-.01 Requirements for Licensure by Examination

(1) All applicants shall have a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university and shall be a graduate of a chartered chiropractic school or college accredited by the council of chiropractic education which teaches only attendance courses and requires a minimum four-year standard college course.

(2)The applicant shall submit an application fee and an examination fee in the amounts set forth by Board Rule. The fees must be in the form of a cashier's check, bank certified check, or money order only. These fees are non refundable.

(3) Each applicant shall be of good moral character, a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(4) Application Required

Application Form. Each applicant for licensure shall fully complete an application form prescribed by the Board.

Documentation. The documents indicated below must be received by the Board before an application will be processed.

The following must be submitted to the Board directly from the respective institution, organization or state licensing agency:

A wallet or passport size photograph.

A certified transcript of the applicant's college grades showing graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree.

A certified transcript of the applicant's chiropractic college grades showing graduation from an approved chiropractic college.

A certified copy of the applicant's transcript of scores of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners showing the applicant has passed the necessary examinations administered/ required by that Board.

Verification(s) of licensure (out of state license holders only).

If born outside the United States, verification the applicant is a citizen of or is legally present in the United States by submitting any of the form(s) or type(s) of documentation specified on the application.

Notarization Required. Paper applications must be signed and notarized.

Deadline for Application. Complete application, including all documents and any fees must be received and approved by the Board before an examination is scheduled.

(5) Examination Required.

(a) National Board Examination Each applicant who matriculated into chiropractic college after January 1, 1973, must pass one of the following combinations of examination:

NBCE I, II, III & IV

NBCE I, II and SPEC

(b) Alabama Board Examination.

In addition to the examination referenced in (a) above, each applicant must pass an examination administered by the Board relating to State Law and Regulations.

Passing Grade. A score of seventy - five percent is required.

Re-examination. An applicant must pay a fee of \$150 before a re examination is scheduled.

Scores Released. The Board shall notify each examinee of the examination results within 30 days of the examination.

(6) Issuance of License.

Fee. In order to have a license issued a fee of \$50.00 must be submitted.

Time Limitation. An applicant shall not practice chiropractic until payment of the appropriate license issuance fee. An applicant who passes all required examinations but has not paid the license issuance fee and obtained a license within 12 months following the date of passing must reapply.

Signatures Required and Effective Date. Each license shall be signed by the Executive Director and the President of the Board. The license shall be recorded with the judge of probate where the doctor practices as specified in the Code of Alabama 1975, 34-24-164, and evidenced by the return of the completed form or proof of recordation to the Board office.

Effective: 3/6/90, amended 5/91, amended 8/93, (3) amended 3/2009, amended 10/2012

Authority: 34-24-144; 34-24-160; 34-24-161; 34-24-163; 34-24-165

RULE 190-X -1-.19 Criteria for Approval of Continuing Education

All continuing education providers must apply for course approval by the Alabama Board in order for a licensee in Alabama to receive credit for license renewal. Blanket approval is given to other states Chiropractic Boards for courses they approve for licensees in their state to use for license renewal as long as the course is presented on topics which fall within the current scope of practice in Alabama.

Applications for approval shall:

Be on the form prescribed by the Board;

Be accompanied by the fee set by the Board;

Include a detailed list of dates and locations for each seminar or module within a 365 day range;

Include a sample CCE verification form;

Include a CV for each speaker;

Include a course syllabus;

Include draft or final advertising brochures.

A separate application with documentation, etc. must be submitted for each seminar or module.

Applications for online courses must contain a start date and finish date for the course which may not be more than 365 days.

Any request for approval should be submitted to the Board no less than thirty (30) days prior to offering of the course.

A condition of approval shall be that the course is pertinent to the practice of chiropractic. Continuing education may include, but is not limited to, attendance at lectures, college and post graduate courses, scientific sessions of conventions, research, graduate studies, teachings, video tapes, internet courses or home study courses. Continuing education programs may include, but are not limited to, programs that address the following:

Government regulations

Clinical and technological subjects including but not limited to techniques and procedures in the Alabama scope of chiropractic or recognized specialties, chiropractic equipment, diagnosis and treatment planning and radiology.

Risk Management

CPR

Programs meeting the general requirements of this rule may be developed and offered by any of the following agencies or organizations:

National, state, district or local chiropractic associations;

**Accredited colleges or schools;
Individuals or organizations established to provide chiropractic post graduate courses;
The Red Cross;
American Heart Association.**

After examination of the subject material, the Board, in its discretion, may grant credit towards license renewal. In determining whether credit is granted and the number of credit hours granted, the Board shall consider the apparent quality of the material taught and its professional value to the practitioner.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall have the right to monitor or audit any course or program to determine whether that course or program is in compliance with these rules. Any fees associated with such audit must be waived by the provider. No continuing education credit will be awarded as part of the audit.

Dates and locations may be added to an approved course by submitting a letter to the Board office containing the title, approval number, new dates and locations.

Providers shall provide the Alabama Board or each participant with adequate documentation of his / her successful completion of the course. The documentation shall include but it not limited to :

**Name and license number of the participant;
Name of the course provider;
Name and title of the course;
Hours/ CEU's completed;
Date of completion;
Authorizing signature, and
Board issued approval number.**

The Board will notify the continuing education providers of the approval or disapproval of a course. The notification will include the number of the approval.

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NBCE Founding Member Passes Away

Dr. Robert I. Runnells, one of the founding members of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners passed away January 2, 2013, at the age of 94. Dr. Runnells served the chiropractic profession for more than 20 years on the Colorado State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.



DATES TO CALENDAR

The Board will meet in:
Clanton, AL
April 19, 2013

OUR MISSION

To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.

OUR VISION

To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.

OUR VALUES

Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.

2013 State Holidays

The Board Office will be closed on the following:

Confederate Memorial Day April 22

National Memorial Day May 27

Jefferson Davis' Birthday June 3

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