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Montana

Department of Labor and Industry

Business Standards Division

2009 - STATE OR PROVINCE REPORT OUTLINE

Board name: MONTANA

For the FCLB Regional District Meetings, please be prepared to discuss any pertinent changes or important points and/or concerns in your state or province regarding the following areas:

BOARD STATISTICS

Number of Members: 4

Budget: \$ 87,155

Number of Active Licenses: 380

LIST YOUR BOARD'S THREE MOST EXCITING ACHIEVEMENTS THIS PAST YEAR.

1. Working with the Board of Veterinary Medicine to draft legislation that would allow licensed chiropractors to perform chiropractic on animals.
2. The Board's work on tightening regulations in regards to contracts for services.
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WHAT IS THE MOST PRESSING CONCERN YOU HAVE?

Chiropractors signing patients to contracts that require the patient to prepay and how the funds for this are handled so the patient receives a refund for services not rendered.

Highlights of changes in Rules, Regulations, Administrative Codes, etc.

1. Amended administrative rules to allow licensure to foreign educated applicants that graduated from a school that is accredited by any accrediting body in good standing with the Council on Chiropractic Education International. Previously had to be CCE accredited.
2. Amended the unprofessional conduct rule to include entering into contracts that require patients to pay for care to be rendered in the future unless the contract provides for a refund for any care not received. Considering requiring the Chiropractor to keep these funds in an escrow account and withdraw only the amount due for services rendered. That way the money is there if a refund needs to be issued.

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