

Board name: **Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

BOARD STATISTICS

Number of Members: **9 Board members 8 active chiropractic physicians and 1 lay member**

Budget: \$ **265,000.00**

Number of Active Licenses: **765**

WHAT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IS YOUR BOARD FACING? NONE PRESENTLY

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

1. Dr. Clarence N. Gray was found guilty on August 11, 2009 for practicing without a license from March 1, 2005 to December 2008 while license was administratively suspended for failure to be in compliance with license renewal requirements. He was also disciplined for practicing animal chiropractic without written referrals from Veterinarians, and/or not having board certification authorized by the OBCE to practice animal chiropractic. Dr. Gray was fined \$75,000.00 payable over a 5 year period, probation for 5 years, was ordered to cease and desist from any type of animal chiropractic until such time as he receives certification from the Board in animal chiropractic or unless the animal has been referred to Respondent by a licensed veterinarian and Respondent is to have a written referral for each treatment of an animal. Dr. Gray also had his license suspended for a period of one week from August 17th-24th, 2009.

2, We will be going live this winter with our online store that will provide the public access for license verification for all licensed chiropractors in the state of Oklahoma. Chiropractors will be able to go online and request letters of good standings and pay online rather than snail mailing in their request. Credentialing agencies/Insurance Companies will be able to pay online for the license verifications they need without faxing, mailing or emailing. The turnaround time will be less than one day.

3. Have a fulltime investigator on staff that works directly with our Advisory Committee, Veterinary Board Investigator on all incoming complaints filed with the OBCE. This has been very beneficial in how quickly we can process complaints, and bring those found in violation of the practice act before the board of administrative hearings.

WHAT IS THE MOST PRESSING CONCERN YOU HAVE?

Presently the OBCE has been dealing with individuals practicing or holding themselves out as animal chiropractors who are either not licensed in Oklahoma or are licensed but not certified by the OBCE to be practicing or holding themselves out as an animal chiropractor. We continue to see chiropractic physicians billing for services not rendered. Our investigator is currently working with the Investigator's of the State Insurance Department on these cases because a majority of them involve insurance fraud.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES IN RULES, REGULATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE CODES, ETC.

The OBCE was successful in having all proposed amendments to our statutes to increase the fees assessed for an applicant applying for licensure in Oklahoma as well as the examination fee.

The OBCE was successful in promulgating rules and having them approved by the Governor and State Legislature which will recognize various certifications that are non-diplomate statuses such as well as rules that allow for a registry for the following additional certifications Acupuncture, Naturopathy, and Homeopathy. These rules were found to be necessary because of the advertising issues that we have seen over the years. This will allow the Board to monitor those advertising specific diplomates, non-diplomates, and certifications through an established registry set-up through the Board.

The OBCE also amended rules in the Code of Ethics as they relate to the doctor patient relationship, and requiring the chiropractor to report to the OBCE if they have ever had a conviction or pled guilty or nolo contendere to fraud in filing Medicare or Medicaid claims or in filing claims with any third party payor.

WHAT FCLB SERVICES DOES YOUR BOARD USE MOST?

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WHAT SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE FCLB OFFER?

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