

2009 - STATE OR PROVINCE REPORT OUTLINE

Board name: Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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: 9 (6 DCs and 3 Public Members); Staff = 11 Employees

Budget: \$ AY 2009 = \$497,000; AY 2010 = \$642,000; (both exclude benefits)

Number of Active Licenses: DCs = 4,666; Clinics = 3,413; Radiologic Technicians = 79

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

1. Gained legislative approval for a staff attorney, legal assistant & programmer
2. Put license verifications online; will put disciplinary actions online in Sept '09
3. Closed 63 cases with disciplinary actions

WHAT IS THE MOST PRESSING CONCERN YOU HAVE?

Resolution of backlog of 80+ cases in which a formal hearing is the next step in the disciplinary process.

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

- 1. Adopted new rule establishing minimal requirements for DCs who wish to incorporate acupuncture into their DC practices.**
 - 2. Legislature passed law prohibiting DCs, attorneys and others from contacting accident or disaster victims before the 31st day after the event.**
 - 3. Amended maintenance of records rule to require that patient records shall support all diagnosis, treatments and billing.**
 - 4. Amended scope of practice rule to specifically state that manipulation under anesthesia is within scope of practice for properly trained DCs.**
 - 5. Adopted new rule whereby the Board may recognize certain areas of practice as chiropractic specialty areas. (Board will not license individual DCs as being "board licensed, certified or recognized" for any specialty area.)**
 - 6. Legislature passed law allowing the Board to issue temporary faculty licenses to qualified members of the faculty at Texas Chiropractic College and Parker College of Chiropractic.**
 - 7. Board has proposed an amendment to the scope of practice rule to update the language concerning the use of lasers to specify that properly trained DCs may use "therapeutic lasers" for treatment of the musculoskeletal system.**
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We also welcome comments on:

Accreditation requirements for non-US colleges

Reciprocity / Endorsement

Continuing Education Requirements

Recognition / utilization / need for NBCE examinations

Public Board Actions - unusually important individual cases and/or concerns regarding specific programs

Chiropractic Colleges

Foreign Colleges / Foreign Affairs

Medicare / Other Insurance / Consultants / Abuses, etc.

Advertising Laws

Federal Regulations

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