

Welcome to the State Board of Chiropractic Electronic Newsletter

The Department of State has revamped the newsletter process and now all of the board's newsletters will be more concise and more readily available, with a new edition every other month via the Internet. The bureau will no longer mail paper newsletters in an effort to provide fresh information more frequently and save time, cost and resources.

Expansion of Continuing Education Opportunities for Chiropractors

Historically, the State Board of Chiropractic had not approved Continuing Education (CE) credits for topics such as ethics, risk management and documentation. In review of curriculum requirements of the colleges and through professional educational programs with the Foundation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, we recognize the need to offer the Doctors of Chiropractic the benefit of these important topics.

As of November 2008, the State Board of Chiropractic has expanded Section 507 of Act 188 of 1986 section (b) qualifying education to include the topics of ethics, risk management and documentation under the basic courses required to practice chiropractic and to keep the licensee apprised of advancements and new developments of (13) Chiropractic principles.

It is reasonable to consider that the public will be a direct beneficiary of this change. The State Board of Chiropractic has the responsibility to protect the public and we see the expansion of these CE options as an excellent step in keeping the doctors aware of their responsibilities.

Ethics refers to well based standards of right and wrong that prescribe what humans ought to do.

Risk Management is activity directed towards the assessing, mitigating (to an acceptable level) and monitoring of risks in both clinical practice and diagnosis.

Documentation is far more than "keeping" a file. It is the directed mechanism to accurately record patient's subjective, objective, assessment and treatment plans while providing evidence of all patient interactions. The board has been working on a new regulation that will give more specifics on necessary record/documentation. The regulation will not be enacted until early 2011.

These three expanded topics from the Chiropractic principles are being currently certified for continuing education and we encourage the doctors to consider taking these courses as part of their 24 hours of required continuing education per CE cycle.

Be aware that no continuing education classes can be retrospectively approved; for instance, there may be Ethics classes available but they have not been approved as of yet if the CE provider has not requested PA approval.

Always consult the provider/sponsor of the course and the board's [Web site](#), where you should select Continuing Education Programs.

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