Continuing Education Information for Chiropractors

One of the requirements for chiropractic license renewal is completion of at least 24 hours of board-approved continuing education in each biennial renewal period. Chiropractic licenses expire on Sept. 1 of even-numbered years. All 24 hours may be taken online, as long as the courses have Pennsylvania board approval numbers.

New licensees are exempt from continuing education requirements for their first renewal period only.

Credits will only be accepted for courses approved by the Pennsylvania board. Please note that it is your responsibility to verify the Board Approval Number with the sponsor PRIOR TO TAKING THE COURSE.

The spirit of requiring continuing education is to keep the doctor current with new techniques, technology and an opportunity to review what has already been learned. A list of approved courses may be found on the board’s website at www.dos.state.pa.us/chiro; select “Licensure Information” and then click on “Approved Continuing Education.”

Be sure to obtain official Certificates of Attendance from the sponsor of the course indicating the name of the sponsor, name of attendee, title and date of the course, number of hours, signature of person authenticating attendance, and the Board Approval Number.

Courses in spinal decompression, Graston or Kinesio tape, active rehabilitation, ethics, coding and documentation may qualify for renewal purposes if they have a Pennsylvania Board Approval Number – again, always check with the sponsor of a course prior to taking the class. Aside from filling practice-related goals, continuing education courses may also fulfill personal ones.

Licensees must keep official Certificates of Attendance for four years after the biennial expiration date because the board will conduct random audits. Do not send any Certificates of Attendance to the board unless you are selected for the audit.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST YOUR PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE. All disciplinary actions may be reported to the federal disciplinary data bank.

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