



PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC



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Pennsylvania Health Alert Network (PA-HAN) February 1, 2012

The Pennsylvania Health Alert Network (PA-HAN) is one of the major ways the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) rapidly distributes information on emerging public health issues (e.g. disease outbreaks) to health care providers, hospitals, emergency management officials, and other public health agencies. In a typical year, PADOH distributes 20-25 HAN messages to providers via email, fax, or cell phone, depending on user preference. PADOH feels it is important that all health care providers have access to HAN messages directly or through their health care facility in order to receive critical public health messages. This assures that public health is protected and allows Pennsylvania's health care providers to give the best care to your patients and community.

In mid-2011, PADOH switched to a new software vendor to support and improve the PA-HAN. The updated system was completed in July and the new version of the PA-HAN can be found at the following link <https://han.pa.gov/>. During the conversion process, some users were removed from the system and cannot be reinstated to the user list without re-registering. PADOH therefore requests that any previous user who is not currently receiving HAN messages register as a Health Alert recipient in the new system. In addition, any provider who would like to receive HAN messages for the first time should also register in the new system.

To access the new PA-HAN Registration Site, click on the following link: <https://han.pa.gov/>. Under the second paragraph there is a gray 'Register Now' button. This option will walk the user through the registration process. If you have any questions about the HAN system or the registration requirements, please ask for Stacey Kalinoski in the PADOH at 717-265-8890 or skalinoski@pa.gov.

License Reminders

Kathleen McConnell, DC – Chairperson, State Board of Chiropractic

As board members, we often hear of unfortunate circumstances where Doctors of Chiropractic are either unaware of legal requirements or have missed deadlines for items that are required to maintain one's ability to serve the public through the practice of chiropractic. For further information on these and other subjects, go to the State Board of Chiropractic website for both the Practice Act and Rules and Regulations:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_board_of_chiropractic/12506

1. License Renewal

License renewal deadline for this cycle is Sept. 1, 2012. 24 hours of APPROVED continuing education must be completed prior to this deadline. Do yourself a favor and renew early! It is your responsibility.

2. Specialist Designation

The board may refuse to issue a license or may suspend or revoke a license of a licensed chiropractor for holding himself/herself out as a specialist unless he/she possesses a post-graduate certification in that specialty.

3. Reporting of Disciplinary Action

Doctors of Chiropractic that are also licensed to practice chiropractic in any other state, territory, possession or country must report any disciplinary action taken in such other jurisdiction to the board on the biennial

registration application or within 90 days of final disposition; *whichever is sooner*.

4. Supportive Personnel

Section 601 of the Practice Act states “Nothing in this act shall prohibit a licensed chiropractor from utilizing the assistance of unlicensed supportive personnel performing under the direct-on-premises supervision of a licensed chiropractor, provided that a chiropractor may not delegate any activity or duty to such unlicensed individuals which requires formal education or training in the practice of chiropractic or the knowledge and skill of a licensed chiropractor.”

5. Child Abuse Required Reporting

In the case of suspected child abuse, a licensed chiropractor who has reasonable cause to suspect on the basis of their professional or other training or experience, which a child coming before them in their professional or official capacity is a victim of child abuse, SHALL report via:

I. Oral reports of suspected child abuse shall be made immediately by telephone to ChildLine, (800) 932-0313

II. Written reports need to be created within 48 hours after the oral report is made by telephone. These reports shall be made on forms available from a county children and youth social service agency.

-Written reports shall be made in the manner and on forms prescribed by the Department of Public Welfare. The following information shall be included, if available:

A. The names and addresses of the child and the parents or other person responsible for the care of the child, if known.

B. Where the suspected abuse occurred.

C. The age and sex of the subjects of the report.

D. The nature and extent of the suspected child abuse including any evidence of prior abuse to the child or siblings of the child.

E. The name and relationship of the persons responsible for causing the suspected abuse, if known, and any evidence of prior abuse by those persons.

F. Family composition.

G. The source of the report.

H. The person making the report and where that person can be reached.

I. The actions taken by the reporting source, including the taking of photographs and x-rays, removal or keeping of the child or notifying the medical examiner or coroner.

J. Other information which the Department of Public Welfare may require by regulation.

-There are further requirements regarding photographs and x-rays of the child, reporting the death of the child, immunity from liability, waiver of confidentiality, and licensure and criminal sanctions for noncompliance in the Regulations. Become familiar with all of the provisions of the relevant laws and regulations.