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Presidential Message

Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

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The Alabama Board of Chiropractic Examiners would like to welcome our newest Board member, Mr. Allen Sanderson from Birmingham. Governor Bob Riley appointed Mr. Sanderson to fill the consumer board position previously held by Mrs. Jeanette Greene. Mr. Sanderson was a member of the Alabama House of Representatives for twelve years. While a member of the House, he served eight years on the powerful Rules Committee and eight years on the Health committee with four years as vice-chairman. Mr. Sanderson was also elected to the Legislative Council. In addition to his political experience he brings real world business experience with over twenty years as a real-estate agent and investor. The Board members would also like to thank Mrs. Greene for her four years of service on the Board.

The Board has been working on House Bill 100 with the help of our newest member Mr. Sanderson as well as the ASCA, Representative Gordon, and Senator Beason to make necessary changes and to continue the Board of Examiners. The Governor has signed Act 09-31 into law.

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New Costs Effective March 4

The following costs became effective on March 4, 2009 per amended rules 190-X-1-.18 Fees, 190-X-2-.11 Renewal of License and 190-X-2-.13 Lost or Destroyed License or Name Change :

Renewal - Active \$300 Inactive \$150 Retired \$150
License Application \$150
Replacement of License \$50



Congratulations to those licensed since January 2009

JANICE BAILEY	OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
CHERYL BLANCK	OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
LOU ANN HEDDEN	OF ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS
JESSE H. LOHRASBI	OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
MICHAEL MCCRACKEN	OF NORTHPORT, ALABAMA
WALTER OLSEN	OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
ELLIATTA DIASHANN WATERS	OF LINDEN, ALABAMA

We are compiling a list of doctors to be used by the Wellness Committee and by the Board in the event of a medical emergency, a death, or when a doctor is in the Wellness Program. If you would be willing to participate by filling in for a doctor who is out for the reasons outlined, please visit our website www.chiro.alabama.gov and download the form. Return the form via regular mail or fax.

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REMINDER:

An email notice will be sent out in mid June concerning the hours the Board has on file for you. If there is a discrepancy in the number of hours you have obtained for the year please call Debra Darnell at 800-949-5838 ext. 221.

Presidential Message continued

The last license renewal proved to be more difficult for a couple of doctors than it should have been. The difficulty appears to involve out of state courses that the doctor thought were approved by the Alabama Board, but the Board had never received the applications for the out of state seminar providers. The doctors were able to resolve their issues due to a lot of work by the Board staff as well as several stressful days on their part. The Board sends updates to remind each licensee of the hours on file for the current calendar year and it is highly recommended that if any discrepancy exists the doctor should contact the Board office to resolve as soon as possible. If the issue is not resolved by the last board meeting of the year and the license lapses, it will be the middle to end of January before the Board will be able to re-instate the lapsed license.

We encourage all practitioners to get involved and join one of the professional associations in Alabama. We have a strong working relationship with these organizations and find them to be a great resource. The upcoming National Healthcare issues will impact the ability patients have to access Chiropractic services and the state associations will be there to help see that access remains. So get involved.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Alabama who deserve to receive quality Chiropractic care.

Brian Wells, D.C.

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www.chiro.alabama.gov

Scope Question

Q: Is the use of lasers for spot fat reduction and body contouring within the scope of practice?

A: Spot fat reduction and body contouring are clearly outside the scope of chiropractic and therefore lasers may not be used for that purpose. A chiropractor in Alabama can only use a laser pursuant to the requirements of Board Rule 190-X-5-.15 which means only **within the scope of chiropractic**. Any chiropractor the Board learns is using this device outside the scope of practice will be in violation of the Chiropractic Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations and will be charged.

Licensure and Alabama's Child Support Law

The *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 30-3-174, states in part:

(a) Upon receipt of a notice from the Department of Human Resources or its agent to withhold, restrict use of, suspend, or revoke a license, a licensing authority shall implement the withholding, restricted use, suspension, or revocation of the license by doing the following:

(1) Determining that it has issued a license to the obligor whose name appears on the notice.

(2) Entering the suspension or revocation on the appropriate records.

(3) If required by law, demanding surrender of the suspended or revoked license.

(b) A notice issued by the department or its agent to withhold, restrict use of, suspend, or revoke a license shall be processed by the licensing authority without any additional review or hearing by the licensing authority. The licensing authority shall have no jurisdiction to modify, reword, reverse, vacate, or stay the decision of the department or its agent.

(c) Any decision issued by the department or its agent to withhold, restrict use of, suspend, or revoke a license continues until the department or its agent advises the licensing authority that the decision to withhold, restrict use of, suspend, or revoke has been stayed or is no longer in effect. While the department's decision is in effect, the licensing authority may not issue, reissue, or renew the obligor's license.

(d) The licensing authority is exempt from any liability to the licensee for activities conducted in compliance with this article.

Schedule of Complaints Handled by the Board Office

FISCAL YEAR ORIGINATED	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	COMPLAINTS PENDING	AVERAGE TIME TO RESOLVE
2007-2008	19	4	3 months
2006-2007	37	6	5 months
2005-2006	45	9	7 months
2004-2005	40	7	5 months
2003-2004	55	14	4 months

UPCOMING



SEMINARS

Texas Chiropractic College offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2009. For information contact Bitsy Hatch, DC at 1-281-998-6028

1. "Adjunctive Physiotherapy Procedures"
2. "Ancillary Diagnostic Testing & Procedures"
3. "Chiropractic Guide to Symptoms & Disease"
4. "Chiropractic Sports Medicine"
5. "Chiropractic Treatment and Golf Injuries"
6. "Chiropractic Treatment Auto Accident Injuries"
7. "Ethics & Chiropractic Practice"
8. "Exercise Strength and Conditioning"
9. "Fundamentals of Clinical Nutrition"
10. "Orthopedic & Neurologic Evaluation"
11. "Pain Management"
12. "Professional Boundaries & Chiropractic Practice"
13. "Risk Management and Documentation Essentials"
14. "Sports Injuries"
15. "Weight Loss Management: Fitness & Nutrition"

Palmer College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2009. For information contact Sharon Whitney at 1-563-884-5715.

1. "Activator methods-Online Track 1"
2. "Management & Recordkeeping"

National University of Health Sciences offers the following ONLINE course until December 2009: For information contact Jonathan R. Soltys, DC at 1-630-889-6622.

1. "Blocking Procedures in Chiropractic"
2. "Cartilage Support Supplements in the Treatment of Osteoarthritis"
3. "Introduction to MRI"

4. "Nutrition & Supplements for Gastro Intestinal Disorders"
5. "Nutrition for Musculoskeletal Trauma"
6. "Radiation Safety"
7. "The Four Biggies of X-Ray Quality"
8. "The Subluxation Challenge / the Treatment Case Study"

University of Bridgeport / Chiro Credit offers the following ONLINE course until December 2009: For information contact Paul Powers, DC at 1-860-463-9003.

1. "Guidelines for Annual Techniques 101"
2. "Neurology Module 102"
3. "Nutrition Module 103"
4. "Ortho"
5. "Physical Therapy 101"
6. "X-ray"

Parker College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE course until December 2008: For information contact Tereasa Wright at 1-800-266-4723.

1. "Boundaries With Patients: Confidentiality & Sexual Misconduct"
2. "Comprehensive Guide to Treating the Female Patient"
3. "Nutritional Considerations for Patients with Osteoporosis"
4. "SI Joint Pain-Diagnosis and Management"

New York Chiropractic College offers the following ONLINE course until December 2009: For information contact Rosemarie Burrafato at 1-516-796-5923.

1. "Chiropractic Back School Module 1"
2. "Chiropractic Back School Module 2"
3. "Chiropractic Back School Module 3"
4. "Chiropractic Back School Module 4"

ALABAMA LAW HOURS AVAILABLE ONLINE 24/7

DC Online presents "Alabama Rules and Regulations" available **On Line**. For information and registration contact William Moreau, DC at 1-712-260-2507.
(This seminar provides the required hours in Alabama Law.)

Upcoming Seminars Near Alabama

Mississippi Chiropractic Association presents "Medicare/Health Care Compliance (OIG) Documentation" for 12 hours on April 18-19, 2009 in Gulfport, MS. For more information contact Vickie Webb at 601-276-3336.

Life University presents "Quintessential Applications: Session 3" for 12 hours on April 18-19, 2009 in Marietta, GA. For more information contact Leila Russell-Tatum at 770-426-2753.

International Chiropractic Pediatric presents "I.C.P.A Certification Program" dates for this quarter are April 18-19, May 30-31, June 7-8 2009 in Marietta, GA. For more information contact Corinne Pitts at 610-565-2360.

ACA Council of Nutrition presents "Nutritional Considerations of the Female Patient" for 12 hours on April 23-26, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. For more information contact Bonnie Sealock at 540-635-8844.

Life University presents "Quintessential Applications: Session 15" for 12 hours on April 25-26, 2009 in Marietta, GA. For more information contact Leila Russell-Tatum at 770-426-2753.

Logan College of Chiropractic presents "Turn It Up" for 12 hours on April 25-26, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. For more information contact Ralph Barrale, D.C. at 800-842-3234.

Texas Chiropractic College presents "Detoxification/Weight Loss and Diabetes/Syndrome" for 12 hours on May 2-3, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. For more information contact Bitsy Hatch at 281-998-6028.

Texas Chiropractic College presents "Permanent Soft Tissue Injuries" for 12 hours on May 7, 2009 in Jackson, MS. For more information contact Bitsy Hatch at 281-998-6028.

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic presents "Atlas Orthogonal Advanced" for 12.5 hours on May 16-17, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. For more information contact Missy Sandor at 804-578-8770.

Palmer College of Chiropractic presents "Activator Methods Track 1-3" for 12 hours on May 16-17, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. For more information contact Sharon Whitney at 563-884-5715.

Life University presents "Quintessential Applications: Session 4" for 12 hours on May 30-31, 2009 in Marietta, GA. For more information contact Leila Russell-Tatum at 770-426-2753.

Logan College of Chiropractic presents "How to Clone a Successful Wellness Practice" for 20 hours on June 5-7, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. For more information contact Ralph Barrale, D.C. at 800-842-3234.

Alabama State Chiropractic Association presents "ASCA Annual Convention 2009" for 22 hours on June 12-14, 2009 in Montgomery, AL. For more information contact Angela Ing at 334-262-2228. **This includes 2 hours in Alabama Law.**

Logan College of Chiropractic presents "How to Clone a Successful Wellness Practice" for 20 hours on June 19-21, 2009 in Nashville, TN. For more information contact Ralph Barrale, D.C. at 800-842-3234.

The following rule was adopted and will become effective April 15, 2009. Please place a copy in your Office Master Copy of the Rules and Regulations to avoid future violations of the rules.

RULE 190-X-2-.18 Inspections

- (a) Whenever the Board determines as a result of a complaint that there is probable cause for doing so, the Board may inspect the practice location or records of any chiropractor or permit holder.
- (b) Any of the inspections referenced above may be conducted by a Board member(s) or any duly authorized representative of the Board.
- (c) The Board may, after Notice and hearing provided for in this chapter, refuse to grant a license or permit or any renewal thereof or to impose disciplinary sanctions outlined in this chapter if any applicant, licensee or permit holder refuses to allow any inspection as set forth above.

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Condolences

Dr. Kathy J. Liska. Dr. Liska graduated Life University in 2001 and received her Alabama license April 26, 2002. The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Liska.

Dr. James P Igo. Dr. Igo graduated Cleveland Chiropractic College in 1973 and received his Alabama license August 8, 1990. The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Igo.

OUR MISSION

To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.

OUR VISION

To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.

OUR VALUES

Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.

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