



CERTIFICATE

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Alfred J. Hall, Jr., Director, Bureau of Health Service Professions in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Chiropractic Examining Board, do hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Chiropractic Examining Board on the 14th day of December, 1995.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 14th day of December, 1995.

Alfred J. Hall Jr. /cp
Alfred J. Hall, Jr., Director, Bureau of Health Service Professions, Department of Regulation and Licensing

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 95-004)

ORDER

An order of the Chiropractic Examining Board to repeal and recreate chapter Chir 5 relating to the requirements for continuing chiropractic education for chiropractors, and specifying criteria for approval of programs for continuing education credit.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 227.11 (2), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 446.02 (1) (b), Stats.

In this proposed rule-making order the Chiropractic Examining Board repeals and recreates chapter Chir 5 in order to remove outdated material, clarify standards of continuing education, increase the number and variety of programs meeting continuing education criteria, and broaden the pool of approvable sponsors of continuing chiropractic education programs. The recreated chapter Chir 5 should result in an increase in the number, variety, scope and location of approvable continuing education courses while decreasing the cost of obtaining continuing education credits as a result of increased supply of such courses.

Under the current rules, the board may approve continuing chiropractic education programs sponsored by the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association, the American Chiropractic Association, the international chiropractors association, or a chiropractic college approved by the board. The standards for approval of the programs remain substantially unchanged, but the rule states the criteria more clearly and provides detail previously applied by long-standing practice not previously stated in the rule.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Chapter Chir 5 is repealed and recreated to read:

Chapter Chir 5

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Chir 5.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE

RENEWAL. (1) Every chiropractor shall complete at least 40 continuing education contact hours in approved continuing education programs during each 2 year license registration period ending on January 1 of each odd-numbered year, except as specified in s. Chir 3.02 (1) (c).

(2) Continuing education contact hours may apply only to the 2 year license period in which the contact hours are acquired, unless either of the following applies:

(a) The continuing education contact hours are required of a particular chiropractor as a consequence of a disciplinary proceeding, informal settlement conference, or resolution of an investigation into the conduct or competence of the chiropractor may not be counted towards the fulfillment of generally applicable continuing education requirements.

(b) If the chiropractor has failed to meet the license renewal requirement during the period, continuing education hours acquired on or after January 1 of any odd-numbered year will apply to the preceding period only if the chiropractor has failed to meet the license renewal requirement during that period, and will not apply to any other period or purpose.

(3) To obtain credit for completion of continuing education programs, a chiropractor shall submit to the board a certificate of attendance issued by the program provider or other evidence of attendance satisfactory to the board.

Chir 5.02 APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (1) The board may approve a continuing education program which meets the following minimum requirements:

(a) The program is sponsored by the Wisconsin chiropractic association, the American chiropractic association, the international chiropractors association, a college of chiropractic approved by the board, a member of the faculty of a college of chiropractic approved by the board, or a member of the faculty of a college of medicine or osteopathy accredited by an agency recognized by the United States department of education.

(b) The program relates to the general subject areas of the practice of chiropractic.

(c) The provider of the program agrees to monitor the attendance and furnish to each participant evidence of having attended the program.

(d) The program offers significant professional educational benefit for participants.

(2) Continuing education programs may include subject matter other than that related to the practice of chiropractic. However, only the parts of the program which relate to the practice of chiropractic shall be eligible for credit. Programs shall be approved for one hour of continuing education credit for every 50 minutes of instruction.

(3) Home study programs may be approved for credit only in cases of extreme hardship, as determined by the board.

(4) Application for approval of a continuing education program shall be made to the board on a form provided by the board, and shall include a detailed course outline or syllabus, the name and qualifications of all instructors, and the time and place of the program. Requests for program approval shall include the program schedule.

(5) Continuing education credit may not be awarded for meals or break periods.

Note: Continuing education approval request forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated December 14, 1996 Agency Terry K. Freitag, Sr.
Chairperson
Chiropractic Examining Board