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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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**2021 Wisconsin Act 253**  
[2021 Senate Bill 115]

**Chiropractic Continuing  
Education Program Sponsorship**

### 2021 WISCONSIN ACT 253

The act makes the following modifications related to the sponsorship of chiropractic continuing education programs and nutritional counseling education programs:

- Modifies a requirement that a program sponsor of a continuing education program that is required to be completed by a chiropractor as a condition of license renewal submit its program to the Chiropractic Examining Board for approval to also apply this requirement to a program sponsor of a continuing education program required to be completed by a chiropractic technician or a chiropractic radiological technician.
- Modifies the definition of a chiropractic continuing education “program sponsor,”<sup>1</sup> by adding to the definition a member-based state or national chiropractic organization that satisfies all of the following:
  - The organization is an entity that is described in s. 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is exempt from federal income tax under s. 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code and has existed as an entity that is described in s. 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code for at least five years.
  - The purpose of the organization is not solely providing continuing education programs.
  - The organization engages in measurable advocacy efforts to promote the chiropractic profession.
- Requires that a program sponsor notify the board of any information or change to information related to satisfying continuing education or program sponsor requirements.
- Provides that a program sponsor may not delegate the tasks of monitoring or recording attendance, providing evidence of attendance, verifying required course content, or providing information on instructors for a continuing education program.
- Requires that the Chiropractic Examining Board must approve, for purposes of providing the education needed to obtain a chiropractor nutritional counseling certificate, a postgraduate nutrition program provided by an organization that is eligible to provide continuing education for chiropractors, if the postgraduate nutrition program satisfies all of the requirements established by the board.

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<sup>1</sup> Previous law defines “program sponsor” as: “...the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, a college of chiropractic approved by the examining board, and a college of medicine or osteopathy accredited by an accrediting body listed as nationally recognized by the secretary of the federal department of education.” “Program sponsor” does not include an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator. [s. 446.028, Stats., 2019 Stats.]