

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND A RULE OF THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS,
BOARD RULE 100-5-.02 APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS., AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to amend rule Rule 100-5-.02 (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. This document will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners web page at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/chiropractic>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 8, 2012 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before March 1, 2012. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 866/888-1304.

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:05 a.m. on March 8, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners has the authority to add this rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1, and 43-9-11.


At its meeting on January 12, 2012 meeting, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment and proposed new rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1, and 43-9-11.

Also, at its meeting on January 12, 2012 the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1, and 43-9-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of the proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of chiropractic.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 27 day of Jan, 2012.


Lisa Durden
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Professional Licensing Boards

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT OF
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
BOARD RULE 100-5-.02 APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

Purpose: Allows faculty 8 hours of CE credit for teaching clinical or chiropractic sciences courses at a CCE accredited school.

Main Features: Allows faculty 8 hours of CE credit for teaching clinical or chiropractic sciences courses at a CCE accredited school.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT OF
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
BOARD RULE 100-7-.04 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

100-5-.02 Approval of Educational Programs.

(1) A chiropractor must obtain a minimum of twenty (20) hours of continuing education per annum. Of these twenty (20) hours, fifteen (15) must be in chiropractic clinical science and must be on a topic in compliance with the current scope of practice, four (4) hours must be in ethics or risk management, and one (1) hour must be in Georgia Laws and Rules (NOTE: non-resident chiropractors, licensed but not practicing in Georgia, may take an additional hour of continuing education in the chiropractic clinical sciences or risk management in lieu of the required hour in Georgia Laws and Rules).

(a) Approved areas of study to satisfy the fifteen (15) hours in chiropractic clinical science are:

1. Examination Procedures/Diagnoses
2. Adjustive Technique
3. Radiographic Technique/Safety
4. Diagnostic Imaging Interpretation
5. Nutrition
6. Research Trends
7. Physiological Therapeutics
8. Chiropractic Philosophy; a maximum of 3 hours credit in chiropractic philosophy will be considered by the Board for continuing education approval.
9. Clinical documentation; a maximum of 4 hours credit in clinical documentation will be considered by the Board for continuing education approval.

(b) Approved areas of study to satisfy the four (4) hours in ethics or risk management are:

1. Risk Management
2. Chiropractic Medical/Legal
3. Public Health Issues
4. Professional Conduct/Boundaries Issues
5. Scope of Practice.

(c) Non-resident chiropractors, licensed but not practicing in Georgia, may take an additional hour of continuing education in the chiropractic clinical sciences or risk management in lieu of the required hour in Georgia Laws and Rules.

(d) Courses specifically excluded from continuing education approval include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Insurance Billing, Reporting, Coding and Procedures.
2. Practice Management or Practice Building.
3. Courses which have content beyond the scope of practice as defined by Georgia law.

(e) Current members of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall receive four (4) hours of continuing education credit in ethics or risk management and one (1) hour of continuing education credit in Georgia laws and rules during each year that they serve on the Board.

(f) Licensees that assist with the administration of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners National Board Examination shall receive fifteen (15) hours of clinical science continuing education credit per each examination administration, four (4) hours of continuing education credit in ethics or risk management and one (1) hour of continuing education credit in Georgia laws and rules.

(g) Up to eight (8) hours of continuing education in clinical sciences may be obtained per year by teaching clinical or chiropractic sciences courses at any CCE-accredited college or school. These hours shall be awarded in writing by the course director/dean at the college or school.

(2) Courses must be those in which actual attendance by the licensee shall be required. However, distance based learning courses offered via audio/visual electronic media, such as the internet, may be approved by the Board if the course meets the following criteria:

- (a) The course must meet all of the requirements as cited in this Rule.
- (b) The program must be test and time monitored to insure active participation by the licensee.

(c) No more than twenty (20) hours per biennial renewal period can be taken via audio/visual/electronic media, such as on-line/internet courses.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1, and 43-9-11.