

# CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MICHIGAN CHIROPRACTORS

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This pamphlet has been developed to explain the requirements and the license renewal process for every chiropractor licensed to practice in Michigan.

The Michigan Public Health Code and Board administrative rules requires every chiropractor to complete, during the 2-year period prior to the date of renewal of the license, at least 30 hours of continuing education in courses or programs approved by the Board. Pursuant to this requirement, the Board of Chiropractic has promulgated rules to establish specific criteria for the Board's approval of continuing education courses and programs.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL**

The continuing education requirements apply to every chiropractor renewing a Michigan license that held the license for the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of the license renewal. The requirements apply whether or not the chiropractor is actively engaged in the practice of chiropractic. No one is exempt from this requirement.

Each chiropractor is required to complete **30 hours** of continuing education in courses or programs approved by the Board. Each chiropractor is required to complete **one (1) continuing education hour in sexual boundaries, one (1) continuing education hour in ethics, one (1) continuing education hours in pain and symptom management, two (2) live, in-person continuing education hours in physical measures, and two (2) live, in-person continuing hours in performance and ordering of tests. Not more than 15** of the required **30 hours** may be in board-approved distance learning programs.

Distance learning means any of the following: approved continuing education courses, programs, or activities where the instructor and participant are apart and not able to immediately interact. Instruction takes place through media including, but not limited to, journal articles, manuals, CDs, DVDs, audio and video tapes, research projects, and Internet courses.

Every chiropractor that is renewing his/her license should retain records documenting the completion of continuing education. Those documents should be retained for a period of 4 years after the application for renewal.

**DO NOT SEND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION DOCUMENTS** along with the license renewal application. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Care Services will conduct an audit, at the conclusion of the renewal period. Chiropractors chosen for audit through an automated random selection process will be contacted by letter to submit documented evidence of the completion of 30 hours of continuing education credit.

**DO NOT RENEW YOUR LICENSE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED 30 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS.**

A chiropractor who is unable to provide evidence of completion of the continuing education requirements, when requested, is in violation of the Michigan Public Health Code and subject to one or more of the following possible license sanctions: reprimand, probation, denial, suspension, revocation, limitation, restitution, and fine.

**Accredited sponsors are required to provide attendance certificates that indicate name of licensee, program dates and number of designated hours. Further information about programs with accredited sponsorship may be obtained by contacting the accredited sponsor.**

**REQUIREMENT FOR RELICENSURE**

**“Relicensure” means the granting of a license to a person whose license has lapsed for failure to renew the license within 60 days after the expiration date.**

ALL RELICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED, IN THE 3-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION FOR RELICENSURE, 45 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD WITH NOT LESS THAN 24 HOURS IN COURSES ON CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTING TECHNIQUES.

EACH CHIROPRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ONE (1) CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR IN “SEXUAL BOUNDARIES”, COMPLETE ONE (1) CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR IN ETHICS, TWO LIVE, IN-PERSON CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS ON PHYSICAL MEASURES, TWO LIVE, IN-PERSON CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS ON PERFORMANCE AND ORDERING TESTS, AND ONE (1) CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR IN PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT. NOT MORE THAN 15 OF THE REQUIRED 45 HOURS MAY BE IN BOARD-APPROVED ONLINE COMPUTER PROGRAMS.

IF A CHIROPRACTOR HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED AND ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC IN ANOTHER STATE DURING THE 3-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION FOR RELICENSURE, THE CHIROPRACTOR DOES NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE MICHIGAN BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC BY THE LICENSING AGENCY IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE CHIROPRACTOR IS LICENSED.

### **R 338.12008a ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Rule 8 (1) The board shall consider as board-approved continuing education, the successful completion of a course or courses offered for credit in a chiropractic school approved by the board under R338.12006.

(2) The board shall consider both of the following as continuing education:

(a) Successful completion of a continuing education program offered by a chiropractic school approved by the board under R338.12006. The school shall annually provide the department with the names of the programs as well as dates and times that the programs were offered, and the locations of the training offered in Michigan. **If audited, the licensee must submit a copy of a letter or certificate showing his/her name, hours earned and the date on which the program was held.**

(b) One continuing education contact hour may be granted for each 50 to 60 minutes of program attendance without limitations at a continuing education program, which has been granted approved by another state board of chiropractic. **If audited, the licensee must submit a copy of the transcript showing credit hours of the academic courses related to chiropractic.**

(3) The board shall consider requests for approval of continuing education programs by sponsors who submit applications on a form provided by the department. For purpose of this rule one hour of continuing education is defined as 50 minutes.

(4) Programs considered for approval under sub rules (1) and (2) of this rule shall not receive credit for those portions of programs covering subject areas that include practice building, marketing, or financial advancements.

**Completion of the required continuing education activities must be independently verified by an official source other than the licensee.**

### **RENEWAL PROCEDURES**

Chiropractic licenses are renewed every 2 years by November 30. Submission of the renewal application form certifies that the continuing education requirements are met. If the renewal requirements have not been completed, the renewal application should not be submitted. Licenses can be renewed during the sixty-day grace period after completion of continuing education requirements, with the renewal fee and the additional \$20.00 late fee. If a waiver is requested, an application should be made after the licensee receives the renewal application in early October, but before the license expires on November 30. Licensees who have not been granted waivers should allow their licenses to expire. Application for relicensure may be made upon completion of the continuing education requirement.

Information, forms and instructions for obtaining board approval can be obtained from the Continuing Education Section of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Care Services.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVERS**

The Michigan Public Health Code authorizes the Board of Chiropractic to waive the continuing education requirements for a license renewal applicant if, upon written application, the Board finds the failure of the licensee to attend the required board-approved courses or programs

was due to the licensee's disability, military service, absence from the continental United States, or a circumstance beyond the control of the licensee which the Board considers good and sufficient. Pursuant to this authority, the Board has promulgated guidelines that set forth the policy the Board will follow in granting a waiver. The guidelines provide for the following:

**DISABILITY:** The licensee's disability shall have been temporary in nature and the licensee's physician shall attest on the application that the disability no longer prevents the licensee from attending educational programs and engaging in the practice of chiropractic without limitation.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** The licensee shall have been practicing chiropractic while in active service of the United States, shall have been licensed at the time of induction or entering into service, and shall have requested that his or her license be placed in military status to continue in effect without payment of the license renewal fee pursuant to Section 16196 of the Public Health Code.

**ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES:** The licensee shall establish that board-approved educational programs were not available within a reasonable distance from which the licensee was located and the licensee shall provide evidence of attendance at educational programs that substantially meet the requirements for approval by the Board.

**OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND LICENSEE'S CONTROL:** For circumstances, other than disability, military service, or absence from the continental United States, the licensee shall submit compelling evidence that the circumstances were good and sufficient for a waiver of the requirements.

If the Board finds that any of the conditions for waiving the requirements have been met, the number of hours waived shall be proportional to the length of time the licensee was temporarily disabled, in active military service, outside the continental United States, or involved in circumstances beyond the licensee's control. The Board will not waive the requirements prospectively, nor will the requirements be waived for a licensee whose circumstances changed in time to reasonably allow the licensee to complete all of the requirements before license renewal.

To summarize:

- \* All Michigan licensed chiropractors must complete 30 hours of board approved continuing education within the 2 years immediately preceding the expiration date of their license.
- \* Submission of the renewal application and fee is considered a statement that the CE requirement has been met.
- \* Failure to complete the CE requirement is considered a violation of the Public Health Code.

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, disability or political beliefs. If you need assistance with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the American's with Disabilities Act, you may make your needs know to this agency.