

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
CHAPTER 100-5, CONTINUING EDUCATION, RULE 100-5-.02, 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 an amendment to Rule Chapter 100-5, Continuing Education, 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 disseminated to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution 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 5:00 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. These documents will also be available for review on the Board website <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/14>, or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on November 7, 2014, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

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 five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on October 31, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; Fax (866) 888-1308.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on November 7, 2014 at the Georgia Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Board has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendment to 100-5-.02 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1 and 43-9-11.

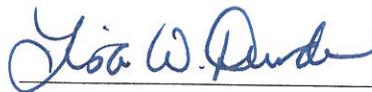
At its meeting on July 11, 2014, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1 and 43-8-11.

Additionally, at its meeting July 11, 2014, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1 and 43-8-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of veterinary medicine.

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

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 7 day of October 2014.



Lisa W. Durden
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: 10-7-14

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS RULE FOR CHAPTER 100-5, CONTINUING
EDUCATION, RULE 100-5-.02.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to remove insurance billing/coding from the exclusion list and add into an acceptable category.

Main Features: The rule will allow Chiropractic Examiners to obtain continuing education in the area of insurance billing and coding.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS RULE
FOR CHAPTER 100-5, CONTINUING EDUCATION, RULE 100-5-.02.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

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 which includes insurance billing/reporting/coding and procedures; 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. 1. Practice Management or Practice Building.~~

~~3. 2. 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. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1 and 43-9-11