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**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2014-2015 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:** The Board may review rules and update rules as may be needed, which may include updating the licensing requirements and procedures for chiropractors, chiropractic acupuncture, assistants and issuance of temporary certificates. Continuing education requirements will be reviewed and updated as may be necessary, including national program and sponsor approval systems currently available. Establish patient record standards and record keeping requirements. Amendment of these requirements may affect several rule chapters and may require updating various chapters. Outdated or duplicative rules that may exist in 10 MRSA, Part 9, Chapter 901 and rules established by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation as authorized by 10 MRSA §8003 will be updated or repealed.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §502

PURPOSE: Clarify and defines terms used throughout the Board’s rules. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 2**: General Provisions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §502

PURPOSE: The chapter contains provisions describing the conduct of meetings and hearings, acting on requests for advisory rulings, complaint and investigation procedures and record keeping. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 3**:Licensure Requirement for Chiropractic Doctors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 502, 551, and 552

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes requirements for issuance of a license to practice chiropractic, including application, education, experience, and references. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License applicants

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 4**: Requirements for Certifying Chiropractors to Practice Chiropractic Acupuncture

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §502

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes acceptable qualifications, procedures and continuing education requirements for certifying licensed chiropractors in the practice of chiropractic acupuncture. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License applicants and licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 5**: Certification Requirement for Chiropractic Assistants and the Issuance of Temporary Certificates for Chiropractic Assistants

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§502, 555, and 556

PURPOSE: Establishes requirements for issuance of a certificate to function as a certified chiropractic assistant, and the issuance of a temporary certificate to function as a certified chiropractic assistant. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 6**: Continuing Professional Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 502 and 553-A(2)

PURPOSE: Establishes and/or amend requirements for continuing professional education to be completed by licensees for licensing renewal and approval for sponsored continuing education courses or programs. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 7**: Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §502

PURPOSE: Establishes the enforcement and disciplinary procedures, including grounds for discipline and clarification of terms. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 8**: Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §502

PURPOSE: Establishes standards of professional practice in the practice of chiropractic services. The Board may review this chapter and make changes to reflect current practice expectations for the protection of the public being served.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 9**: Fees

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 502, 553-A, and 558

PURPOSE: Establishes fees to be charged for applications and licenses issued by the Board. This chapter is subject to repeal as fees for this program are adopted under Chapter 10 Fee Rules issued by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation as authorized by 10 MRSA §8003(2-A)(D).

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated