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Presidential Message

Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

The Board of Examiners would like to congratulate new board member Dr. Toya Burton who was elected to finish the remainder of Dr. Gordon's term. Both Dr.'s Keen and Kuhlman were re-elected to their respective board seats for another four year term. The complaints remain down over the last calendar year with a total of 20 complaints from January 2015 until December 31 2015. Six of the cases closed with orders the remainder closed no PC or are still in process. The recent complaints have involved more significant issues such as the improper use and billing of massage therapy services, inappropriate relationship with a patient as well as issues relating to contacting accident victims within the waiting period.

We have new changes as they relate to fines for late renewals as well as an extension at the end of the year if you have failed to renew your license by December 31. If you failed to renew on January 1 your license will revert to suspended status, you must complete the online reinstatement application and pay the \$150 fee, CE hours, business license or any missing documents

needed for renewal. You must also submit your renewal fee and maximum late fee of \$300.00 prior to reinstatement. You should close your office until you complete the reinstatement or you could face disciplinary action.

All of the above must be completed prior to February 1 to avoid the full reinstatement process. The reinstatement process has additional requirements you will have to comply with.

Since the implementation of background checks the board has uncovered a lot of issues that have effected licensees applying for reinstatement or applicants in their initial application for licensure.

The current state of health care has caused providers to seek additional sources of revenue in order to remain profitable. We are seeing increasing issues with providers attempting to add additional services that may not fall under our scope of allowable services. If you have any questions regarding services you wish to consider adding please ask the board for an advisory opinion to avoid any issues in the future.

Brian Wells, DC
President ASBCE

2015-16 NON RENEW LIST

Please see the website for a list of licensees and clinics who have not completed the renewal process.

If your name is on the list please contact the Board immediately regarding Reinstatement.

If you are on the list and continue to practice after January 1 you are practicing with a suspended license and are in violation of the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and the Chiropractic Rules and Regulations.

Online Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

CE4YOU offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Eric Schmitt, DC at 1-888-612-0996.

1. "AIDS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED ARTHRITIS"
3. "CODING AND DOCUMENTATION IN PRACTICE"
4. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING"
5. "FAULTY MOVEMENT PATTERNS"
6. "FAULTY MOVEMENT PATTERNS REVISITED"
7. "INTEGRATIVE MYOFASCIAL RELEASE (IMR)"
8. "LOW TECH REHAB FOR WHIPLASH"
9. "MAGNETIC RESONANCE THERAPY AND CHIROPRACTIC"
10. "MASSAGE PROTOCOLS"
11. "MUSCLE TESTING & EXERCISE PRESCRIPTION"
12. "RADIOLOGY IN PRACTICE"
13. "REHABILITATION OF THE ATHLETE"
14. "RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS OF TREATING PATIENTS WITH ALTERED..."
15. "RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PRACTICE"
16. "SPINAL TRAUMA"
17. "THE PERINATAL AND PEDIATRIC PRACTICE"

DCHours.com offers the following ONLINE courses until September 2016. For information contact Debbie Brendler, at 1-800-811-0269 or click https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/reg/ahs_student/index.cfm?prog=18 for a list of all DC Hours courses approved by Alabama and for registration.

1. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
2. "BASIC CASE MANAGEMENT"
3. "BASIC MRI PART 1"
4. "BASIC MRI PART 2"
5. "BASIC MRI PART 3"
6. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 1"
7. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 2"
8. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 1"
9. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 2"
10. "RADICULOPATHY: PATIENT ASSESSMENT"
11. "SPINAL DECOMPRESSION"
12. "SPINAL PAIN SYNDROMES"
13. "THE NEUROLOGY OF PAIN"
14. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 1"
15. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 2"

DC Online offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2016. For information contact Karen Moreau at 1-712-260-2507 or click <https://secure.ecollege.com/mcc/index.learn?action=registration>

1. "A CASE BASED APPROACH TO SOFT TISSUE INJURY"
2. "ACTIVE CARE FOR THE LUMBAR SPINE FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
3. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
4. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 4 HOURS"
5. "ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF THE HIP FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
6. "BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS AND UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS"
7. "CASE STUDIES CERVICAL SPINE"

8. "ETHICAL ISSUES IN CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE"
9. "IMMUNIZATION: MAKING INFORMED CHOICES"
10. "PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE KNEE"
11. "PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES"
12. "RISK MANAGEMENT IN CHIROPRACTIC"
13. "SEGMENTAL DROP ADJUSTING: REVIEW OF THE THOMPSON TECHNIQUE"
14. "SPECIAL POPULATIONS IN CHIROPRACTIC: THE OSTEOPOROTIC PATIENT"
15. "SOFT TISSUE CARE IN CHIROPRACTIC"
16. "THE SPINE IN SPORT"

National University of Health Sciences offers the following ONLINE courses until February 2016. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 1-630-889-6622.

1. "ACUPUNCTURE: TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE & PRACTICAL PROCEDURE INTRO TO ACUPUNCTURE"
2. "CIHP: INTEGRATIVE GASTROENTEROLOGY"
3. "COX INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE & INTEGRATION"
4. "COX PART 1 ONLINE: COX CERTIFICATION COURSE"
5. "ICD-10-CM ONLINE STUDY PROGRAM"
6. "ICD-10: TRAINING, CASE STUDIES, AND EXERCISE"
7. "INTRODUCTION TO ICD-10"
8. "THE COX TECHNIC SYSTEM OF SPINAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: BIOMECHANICS, EXAMINATION..."

Palmer College of Chiropractic offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2016. For information contact Kati Sproston at 1-563-884-5715.

1. "ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE: TRACK 1"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC EVALUATION"
3. "CLINICAL IMAGING 6"
4. "ORTHOPEDIC ASSESSMENT AND INTERPRETATION"
5. "PETTIBON ONLINE: ANALYSIS & TREATMENT"
6. "PETTIBON ONLINE: CASE MANAGEMENT & BILLING"
7. "PETTIBON ONLINE: CLINICAL PROTOCOLS & HOME CARE"
8. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNCTIONAL NEUROLOGY"
9. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNCTIONAL NUTRITION"
10. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNDAMENTALS"
11. "PETTIBON ONLINE: PATIENT ANALYSIS"
12. "PETTIBON ONLINE: POST-TREATMENT REHAB"
13. "PETTIBON ONLINE PRE-TREATMENT REHAB"
14. "PETTIBON ONLINE: X-RAY PROCEDURES"

Parker University offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Teresa Wright at 1-800 266-4723.

1. "BOUNDARIES WITH PATIENTS: CONFIDENTIALITY & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT"
2. "NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS"
3. "DAVILA-PHILOSOPHY & MEDICAL NECESSITY 2014"
4. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING PROTOCOLS: THE FOOT"
5. "FROM THE GROUND UP-GLOBAL POSTURAL PATTERNS OF THE HUMAN BODY"
6. "INTRO TO FUNCTIONAL TAPING"
7. "PEDIATRIC EVALUATIONS MADE EASY"
8. "POWER OF SELF HEALING"
9. "SUPPLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ATHLETE"
10. "UNDERSTANDING SCOLIOSIS"

Online Seminars Continued

Southern California University of Health Sciences

offers the following ONLINE course until December 2016. For information contact Yvonne Rabago at 1-562-902-3373.

1. "FUNCTIONAL DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE TRAINING 2015"

University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic

offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Paul Powers, DC at 1-860-463-9003.

1. "ATHLETIC TIPS CERTIFICATION SEMINAR"
2. "ALABAMA CHIROPRACTIC LAW (RULES AND REGULATIONS)"
3. "ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINERS 301"
4. "CODING AND DOCUMENTATION 201-202"

5. "MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CONDITION 208-211"
6. "MANUAL MUSCLE TESTING 201-206"
7. "NEUROLOGY 115-116"
8. "NEUROLOGY 210A"
9. "PHYSICAL THERAPY 101"
10. "RISK 130"
11. "SOFT TISSUE INJURIES"
12. "SOFT TISSUE INJURIES 110"
13. "X-RAY 129-134"

University of Western States offers the following ONLINE courses until November 2016. For information contact Cathy Evans at 1-503-847-2611.

1. "ANCILLARY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING PROCEDURES"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC GUIDE TO SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE"
3. "CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS MEDICINE"
4. "GERIATRIC HEALTH CARE"
5. "PAIN MANAGEMENT"
6. "SPORTS INJURIES"

BOARD QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Applications Sent	10
Transcripts Processed	162
New License Issued	6
License Verifications	263
Complaints Received	6
Disciplinary Hearings	3
Outgoing Correspondence	1632
Continuing Education Reviewed	74

Condolences

Dr. Marie Paas. Dr. Paas graduated Parker University in 2002 and received her Alabama license in 2008. She lived and practiced in Sylacauga, AL.

The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Paas.

Dr. Amanda Holland. Dr. Holland graduated Life University in 1993 and received her Alabama license in 2008. She lived and practiced in

Madison, AL. The Board and staff send condolences to the

family and friends of Dr. Holland.

Upcoming Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

Chiropractic Society of Alabama presents the following course. For information contact Louis Poe at 205-967-4444.

"ICD 10 Documentation, Expert Written, X-ray & SOT" 12 hours February 6-7 in Birmingham, AL.

ICPA, Inc. presents the following course. For information contact Corinne Pitts at 610-565-2360.

"ICPA Mastery of Chiropractic Principles & Practices" 12 hours January 23-24 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Life University presents the following course. For information contact Melissa Scharffenberg at (770) 426-2753.

"CCEP Mod 1- Advanced Principles of TMJ, Rib and Shoulder Girdle Adjusting" 15 hours February 20-21 in Marietta, GA.

Logan University presents the following course. For information contact Ralph Barrale, DC at 800-842-3234.

"Food Enzyme Institute Seminar Two" 20 hours February 19-21 in Tampa, FL.

National University of Health Sciences presents the following course. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 630-889-6622.

"Cox Technic Part III " 12 hours January 16-17 in Tampa, FL.

"FMT Basic/FMT Performance" 16 hours January 23-24 in Nashville, TN.

New York Chiropractic College presents the following course. For information contact Cynthia Logatto at 516-796-5923.

"The ABC's of Purification" 8 hours January 9 in Kennesaw, GA.

Northwestern Health Sciences presents the following courses. For information contact Sara George at 952-885-5446.

"Cardiometabolic Advanced Practice Module" 17 hours February 4-6 in Atlanta, GA.

"Immune Advanced Practice Module" 18.25 hours February 7-9 in Atlanta, GA.

Palmer College presents the following courses. For

information contact Kati Sproston at 563-884-5715.

"Activator Methods Spring 2016: Advanced" 12 hours January 16-17 in Orlando, FL.

"Activator Methods Spring 2016: Basic" 12 hours January 16-17 in Orlando, FL.

"Activator Methods Spring 2016: Intermediate" 12 hours January 16-17 in Orlando, FL.

"Palmer College Homecoming FL- 2016" 20 hours February 26-28 in Port Orange, FL.

"The Experience 2016" 13 hours February 11-13 in Orlando, FL.

Seminars in Chiropractic Research presents the following course. For information contact Marty Drybread at 970-663-3716.

"Chiropractic Research: The Year in Review" 16 hours February 20-21 in Birmingham, AL.

Sherman College of Chiropractic presents the following courses. For information contact Jillian Kersh, DC at 864-578-8770.

"Florida Chiropractic Society" 20 hours January 16-7 in Miami, FL and February 19-20 in Fort Walton, FL.

"GCC CE B4 DE" 5 hours January 21 in Atlanta, GA.

Texas Chiropractic College presents the following courses. For information contact Mary Denby at 281-998-6027.

"Foundational Laboratory Analysis" 12 hours February 20-21 in Orlando, FL and March 19-20 in College Park, GA.

"Proper Documentation & Procedures for Reimbursement" 8 hours in Atlanta, GA and February 27 in Homewood, AL.

University of Bridgeport Health Sciences presents the following courses. For information contact Mare Jeffries at 203-576-4880.

"Florida Chiropractic Physicians Association Education Symposium" 30 hours February 25-28 in Orlando, FL.

****Print Your 2015-16 Renewal Card****

Please wait 7 days after you have completed your online renewal and log back in to print your renewal card. *The Board does not keep a copy of your card.* When the insurance companies are attempting to re-credential you in 2016 this is the card you will need to provide them. The card is a PDF so it can also be saved to a computer in your office for reprinting or emailing.

Steps to print your renewal card:

- 1. Go to the Board website www.chiro.alabama.gov**
- 2. Click Online Services at the top of page.**
- 3. Click Print Renewal Card.**
- 4. Enter your license number and the last 4 digits of your social security number.**
- 5. Click Print Renewal Card in the red box that appears at the top of the screen.**

Renewal Process and Documentation Required

Please fax or email your continuing education hours to the Board Office as soon as you receive your certificates. You may also submit your Alabama Section 136 Business License to the Board as soon as you purchase it. The license required for the 2016-17 Renewal should have been purchased in October 2015. This is the license that expires September 30, 2016.

When submitted these documents are keyed into our system and will be on file when you are ready to go online in August to complete your renewal. This speeds up the renewal process tremendously.

Please remember it is solely your responsibility and not the responsibility of the Board staff to ensure that the seminar you wish to take or have taken is approved for Alabama for Continuing Education for Renewal. We had several licensees during the 2015-16 Renewal period who assumed it was our fault that they took hours that weren't approved when they called the Board office **after** taking a course. Please understand that we have no control over if a school or sponsor submits a seminar for approval. (Just a reminder - seminars **cannot be** retroactively approved.) The course must be submitted **at least 30 days prior** to the date of the course for consideration by the Board. We also have no control over the hours of the local Probate Judge's office. If they are closed and you can't obtain the Business License that should have been purchased the **previous** October. **Please understand you had several months to purchase this license. It does not become an emergency for the Board staff at this point.** We are here to assist you, however, we have laws and rules that we must follow.

Reinstatement Changes

New changes to Reinstatement Process for January 2016

- ◆ If you failed to renew by December 31 your license automatically reverted to a suspended status.
- ◆ You must complete the online Reinstatement application and submit the \$150 reinstatement application fee.
- ◆ You must submit any hours, business license or documents missing from your file for renewal.
- ◆ You must submit the renewal fee, and the maximum late fee (\$300).
- ◆ All of the above must be completed prior to February 1 to avoid the full reinstatement process.

If you are not reinstated by February 1 you will be required to complete the entire reinstatement process which will include the above and can include a combination of the below.

- ◆ All back fees **and a** \$2,500 penalty.
- ◆ A letter outlining all places of practice, employment since the automatic suspension of your Alabama license. You may be required to take the National SPEC Exam or obtain additional continuing education hours. You will be instructed after the Board reviews all your paperwork if you will be required to take the exam.
- ◆ Verification(s) from any states you hold or have previously held a license.
- ◆ ABI Form-46 and 2 fingerprint cards completed and returned to the Board office.
- ◆ A money order or cashiers check for \$39.75 made payable to State Bureau of Investigation.
- ◆ When your file is complete if you did not take the jurisprudence exam when originally licensed you must pass the jurisprudence exam as part of the reinstatement process.

Thank You for Your Positive Comment

I'm soooooo grateful. Thank you.

Inactive Licensee Continuing Education

If your license is in an inactive or active status and you practice outside of Alabama you may use hours approved by the state you practice in for your continuing education requirements in Alabama. However, if your state is self reporting or conducts audits you may not be able to use those hours unless the course has a chiropractic college sponsor.

Disciplinary Actions

David Bachman, DC (Scottsboro, AL) License # 2024 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(1)(3)(5) and license placed on probation for 14 months beginning 4/7/2015.

Gary F. Edwards, DC (Hoover, AL) License # 1131 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(5) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$4,000 plus costs and suspension of license with immediate reversion to probation for 5 years.

Clayton S. Ellison, DC (Birmingham, AL) License # 2257 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(14) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$6,500 and additional 6 CE hours in Coding and Record Keeping.

Taylor I. Ramsdell, DC (Phoenix, AZ) License # 2432 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(3)(4)(11)(17) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$6,500 plus costs and suspension of license with immediate reversion to probation for 5 years.

Kevin Snell, DC (Greensboro, GA) License # 2088 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(2)(7)(11) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$2,000 and costs of \$1,500.

Vincent E. White, Jr., DC (Madison, AL) License # 2286 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b) and assessing costs.

Complaints Received

The Board has received 2 complaints to date this fiscal year.

Election Process

The election process had some changes this year. One of these changes is the requirement that you mail your ballot to the CPA for your vote to be counted. We received several ballots at the Board Office. These ballots were disqualified as the correct process was not followed. Please be sure to carefully read all instructions on the ballot you receive.

Congratulations to those licensed since September 2015



Aliment, Christopher
Catalfu, Craig
Fowler, Daniel C.
Hamilton, Lekisha A.
House, Charlee B.
Jones, Jeffrey S.
LaPlante, Sarah J.
Solomon, Michael R.
Tucker, Everett
Walters, Todd B.

Of Gulf Shores, AL
Of Hoover, AL
Of Muscle Shoals, AL
Of Mobile, AL
Of Marietta, GA
Of Dothan, AL
Of Mobile, AL
Of Kimball, MI
Of Huntsville, AL
Of Lancaster, OH

DATES TO CALENDAR

The Board will meet:

January 29, 2016
Clanton Board Office

February 26, 2016
Clanton Board Office

March 11, 2016
Clanton Board Office

2016 State Holidays

The Board Office will be closed on the following:

New Year's Day January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. /
Robert E. Lee Birthday January 18

George Washington /
Thomas Jefferson's Birthday February 15

OUR MISSION

To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.

OUR VISION

To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.

OUR VALUES

Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.

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