

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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Newark, New Jersey 07102

PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

II. HONORING PAST BOARD MEMBERS

Former Board members will be presented with plaques commemorating their dedicated service as members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

III. OLD BUSINESS

REGULATORY INITIATIVES

A. PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON INDEPENDENT CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINATIONS

The comment period for this proposed regulation expired on October 17, 2003. The Board can expect to be able to review those comments at its November Board meeting at which time it will be required to prepare appropriate responses to comments and move forward on adoption.

B. USE OF ELECTIC MUSCLE STIMULATORS AND TENS UNITS AND PRESCRIBING FOR HOME USE.

This proposed regulation will be published in the New Jersey Register on October 20, 2003 and will enter a 60 day comment period. Copies of the proposal will be distributed at the Board meeting.

C. SCOPE OF PRACTICE - NUTRITIONAL ADVICE

Attached for Board review is recommended language to a revision in the Board's Scope of Practice with respect to the offering of nutritional advice. The enclosed language has been approved and is recommended by the Rules and Regulations Committee for the full Board's consideration. Regulatory Analyst Devon Graf will be available to assist the Board in the review of this regulation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL INQUIRIES

A. LORETTA B. TODZIA, ESQ. - OWNERSHIP AND BILLING FOR MRI SERVICES

Ms. Todzia is requesting an explanation of the legal basis for the prohibition of billing a patient or a third party payer for MRI services.

B. INQUIRY OF DR. KEVIN SHEEHAN

Dr. Sheehan is inquiring as to the viability of bringing in a licensed neurologist to do consultations and testing on patients in his office.

V. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

A. EMILIO A. GRUGNALE, D.C.

Attached for Board review is a letter from Paul W. Bergrin, Esq. requesting the Board's approval to dispense from any restrictions on his practice.

B. OCTAVIO NEPPA, D.C.

Attached for Board review is correspondence from Ronald S. Fava on behalf of Dr. Nepa requesting the Board's consideration of a re-characterization of the basis for the Consent Order filed on March 17, 2003.

VI. ENDORSEMENTS

VINCENT F. SCELFO, D.C.

Submitted for Board review and consideration is an application for licensure through endorsement from Vincent F. Scelfo, D.C. Dr. Scelfo is a 1982 graduate of Life College of Chiropractic. He is currently practices in Michigan. Dr. Scelfo also holds a license in New Mexico and South Carolina.

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