BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
(Amendment)

201 KAR 21:085. Clinical ~~[Preceptorship]~~ Program.

RELATES TO: KRS 312.019(9)(h), 312.085(2)
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 312.019(9), 312.085(2)
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:
NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 312.019(9)(h) and 312.085(2)

Section 1. Requirement of a Clinical Program. A Clinical Program shall meet all requirements for a clinical training program which are established by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CEE) or CEE-International.

Section 2. ~~[Section 1.]~~ Requirements of Preceptor. A preceptor shall:

(1) File an application with and be ~~[Be]~~ approved by the Kentucky State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for participation prior to the placement of the student doctor in the preceptor's practice;

(2) Have a current Kentucky license that is active and in good standing;

(3) Have been in practice for five (5) years or more in Kentucky;

(4) Provide evidence of malpractice insurance;

(5) Be of good moral character, proof of which shall be evidenced by at least three (3) letters of reference from persons outside the licensee's family;

(6) Not practice while impaired by alcohol or narcotics;

(7) Have not been found in violation of a requirement of 201 KAR Chapter 21, other than for a minor advertising violation, for the preceding two (2) years and have no present investigations (including during a term as preceptor) for possible violations;~~[and]~~

(8) Comply and be qualified as applicable. The board shall encourage development of extension faculty designation for all preceptors approved by the colleges or university; and~~[.]~~

(9) Obtain written consent, signed by the patient, prior to treatment by the student doctor, acknowledging the patient is aware they are being treated by a chiropractic student doctor in a clinical setting.

Section 3. ~~[Section 2.]~~ Preceptor Relationship with College or University and Intern.

(1) The preceptor shall make a joint application to the board and the college or university.

(2) The preceptor shall arrange or confer with the college or university representative prior to the beginning date of each session to plan the program duration, organization, and substance.

(3) The preceptor shall maintain any records and reports related to the student doctor's~~[student's]~~ performance in compliance with the standards established by the Council on Chiropractic Education and the college or university the student attends and provide the records to the Board upon request.

(4)

(a) The preceptor may request the college or university to withdraw any student doctor whose performance is unsatisfactory or whose health status prevents the student doctor's~~[student's]~~ successful completion of the practicum education assignment.

(b) A statement, in writing, of the reason for that action shall be provided by the preceptor to the college, university, or student upon request.

(5) The preceptor shall not be liable for the payment of any wage, salary, or compensation of any kind for services properly required of and performed by a student doctor~~[an intern]~~.

(6) The preceptor shall provide the college or university with a written code of ethics that applies to the preceptor's office.

(7) The preceptor shall ensure that student doctors[~~interns~~] shall be allowed to perform only those duties that are lawful and ethical in the practice of chiropractic.

(8)

(a) The preceptor shall assume the risk of any accident or injury to any intern while on preceptor's premises, which shall include working areas.

(b) The preceptor shall maintain premises liability insurance.

Section 4. [~~Section 3.~~] Requirements of student doctor[~~Intern~~].

(1) The student doctor shall have passed parts I and II of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners exam and be in the final six (6) months of their Chiropractic educational program.

(2) [~~(1)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall submit a fee of $50[~~$200~~] to the board for each semester he or she is participating in the clinical[~~preceptorship~~] program.

(3) [~~(2)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall remain in good standing academically and demonstrate an acceptable level of performance, both quantitatively and qualitatively, in the college or university outpatient clinic.

(4) [~~(3)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall complete, sign, and submit all application materials from the internship program to the college or university clinic director for verification and approval.

(5) [~~(4)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall serve in the clinical[~~preceptorship~~] program for a term established by the college or university for the purpose of augmenting his competence in all areas of chiropractic practice.

(6) [~~(5)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall provide both the college or university and the preceptor with a current telephone number and address.

(7) [~~(6)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall be responsible for following all reasonable and lawful policies and procedures of the preceptor's office.

(8) [~~(7)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall be responsible for providing and wearing professional attire and a badge clearly identifying the name of the student doctor, and the designation of chiropractic student doctor, clearly visible to a patient.

(9) [~~(8)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall be responsible for his own transportation and living arrangements.

(10) [~~(9)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall report to the preceptor on time.

(11) [~~(10)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall not submit for publication any material relating to his preceptorship without prior written approval of the preceptor and the college or university.

(12) [~~(11)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall make reports as required by the Council on Chiropractic Education and the college or university under which the clinical program[~~preceptorship~~] is conducted.

(13) [~~(12)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance from the college or university.

(14) [~~(13)~~] The student doctor[~~intern~~] shall respond to any inquiry by the board within twenty (20) days.

COMPILER'S NOTE: 2025 RS HB 6, enacted by the General Assembly on March 27, 2025, altered the information to be provided at the time an administrative regulation is filed. Aside from formatting changes necessary to upload the regulation into the LRC's publication application, this regulation has been published as submitted by the agency.

201 KAR 21:085
DR. SHANNON JOHNSON, Chair

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on January 26, 2027, at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time, in PPC Conference Room 127CW, at the Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through January 31, 2027. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person or the public comment portal.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

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Subject Headings:Chiropractic, Boards and Commissions, Education

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:
KRS 312.019(9) authorizes the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners to promulgate administrative regulations consistent with KRS Chapter 312, regulating the practice of chiropractic. This administrative regulation establishes requirements for the student doctor clinical participants and the clinical program requirements.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:
This administrative regulation is required by KRS 312.019.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:
KRS 312.019(9) authorizes the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners to promulgate administrative regulations consistent with KRS Chapter 312, regulating the practice of chiropractic. This administrative regulation updates the title of student doctor and establishes requirements regarding the student doctor clinical program.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:
This regulation assists in the effective administration of KRS Chapter 312 by carrying out the legislative mandate for the board to establish regulations for the practice of chiropractic.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:
The Amendment adds and updates terms and requirements in the current regulation regarding student doctors and the clinical program requirements.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:
The amendment is necessary to update terms and program requirements.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:
KRS 312.019(9) authorizes the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners to promulgate administrative regulations consistent with KRS Chapter 3I2, regulating the practice of chiropractic. This administrative regulation establishes updates of terms and requirements for the regulation of the clinical program.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:
This regulation assists in the effective administration of KRS Chapter 312 by carrying out the legislative mandate for the board to establish requirements for the practice of chiropractic.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years?No.

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:

This regulation affects approximately 977 active and 0 inactive license holders.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

This regulation will provide updated definitions of terms and requirements for both student doctors and licensed Chiropractors who participate in a clinical program as a preceptor.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4):

This regulation should add no additional cost to the licensee.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4):

This regulation will reduce the fee to student doctors under the updated clinical fee structure.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially:

No new costs will be incurred by the changes.

(b) On a continuing basis:

No new costs will be incurred by the changes.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation or this amendment:

The Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners is self-funded through the fees paid by licensees. No additional funding is necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:

No increases in fees or funding is necessary to implement the amendment to this administrative regulation.

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:

This administrative regulation did not establish new fees. No increases in fees or funding is necessary to implement the amendment to this administrative regulation.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

Tiering was not applied because these requirements apply equally to all licensees.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(1) Identify each state statute, federal statute, or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation:
KRS Chapter 312

(2) State whether this administrative regulation is expressly authorized by an act of the General Assembly, and if so, identify the act:
This administrative regulation is expressly authorized by KRS 312.019(9).

(3)(a) Identify the promulgating agency and any other affected state units, parts, or divisions:
The Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners is housed for administrative purposes within the Department of Professional Licensing in the Public Protection Cabinet

(b) Estimate the following for each affected state unit, part, or division identified in (3)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

2. Revenues:

For the first year:None.

For subsequent years:None.

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

(4)(a) Identify affected local entities (for example: cities, counties, fire departments, school districts):
None

(b) Estimate the following for each affected local entity identified in (4)(a):

1. Expenditures:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

2. Revenues:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

3. Cost Savings:

For the first year:N/A

For subsequent years:N/A

(5)(a) Identify any affected regulated entities not listed in (3)(a) or (4)(a):
None

(b) Estimate the following for each regulated entity identified in (5)(a):

1. **Expenditures:**

   For the first year:N/A

   For subsequent years:N/A

2. **Revenues:**

   For the first year:N/A

   For subsequent years:N/A

3. **Cost Savings:**

   For the first year:N/A

   For subsequent years:N/A

(6) Provide a narrative to explain the following for each entity identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a)

(a) Fiscal impact of this administrative regulation:

There is a decrease in student doctor fees but there is no anticipated fiscal impact to this administrative regulation for current licensees or the board.

(b) Methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:

Methodology and resources was a review of the existing budget by the board's fiscal administrator as well as consideration of the amendment and whether staff time and costs will be increased.

(7) Explain, as it relates to the entities identified in (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a):

(a) Whether this administrative regulation will have a "major economic impact", as defined by KRS 13A.010(14):

This administrative regulation will not have an overall negative or adverse major economic impact to the entities identified.

(b) The methodology and resources used to reach this conclusion:

Methodology and resources was a review of the existing budget by the board's fiscal administrator as well as consideration of the amendment and whether staff time and costs will be increased.