BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
(Amendment)

201 KAR 21:090. Pre-Chiropractic education requirements.

RELATES TO: KRS 312.019, 312.085
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 312.019(2), (9)(h), 312.085(2)
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:
NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 312.019(2) requires the board to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for a license to practice chiropractic. KRS 312.019(9) (h) and 312.085(2) authorize the board to establish by administrative regulation a two (2) year pre-chiropractic course of instruction to be completed prior to entry into chiropractic college. This administrative regulation establishes that course of instruction.

Section 1. Pre-chiropractic Education. An applicant for licensure shall have satisfactorily completed, prior to attending chiropractic college,~~[and as a part of the applicant's required minimal sixty (60) semester credit hours of pre-chiropractic education,]~~ the course of pre-chiropractic instruction established and required by the Council on Chiropractic Education.
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.

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DR. SHANNON JOHNSON, Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: November 6, 2026
FILED WITH LRC: November 12, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.
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 updated requirements for use with the regulation chapter.

(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 establishes updated requirements relating to pre-chiropractic education.

(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 updates requirements for pre-chiropractic education of chiropractic student doctors in the regulation chapter.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:
The amendment is necessary to update education requirements to conform to national standards.

(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 updated educational requirements for those regulations.

(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 does not affect current chiropractic students and chiropractic educational providers and approximately 0 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 educational requirements for future licensure of chiropractic students.

(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 educational participants, student doctors or licensee.

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

This regulation will allow chiropractors to have an updated understanding of educational requirements.

(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 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 no anticipated fiscal impact to this administrative regulation.

(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 or 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.