

TEXAS BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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Facility Registration

- Discontinue the unnecessary registration of chiropractic facilities.

Enforcement

- Require the board to develop an expert review process to ensure chiropractic expertise in its enforcement process and repeal unused peer review requirements.
- Prohibit the board from accepting anonymous complaints and require the board to maintain confidentiality of investigative reports, complaints, and other investigative information.
- Direct the board to develop a plan to improve its investigative process and reduce complaint resolution timeframes. (Management action – nonstatutory)
- Direct the board to prioritize investigations based on risk to the public. (Management action – nonstatutory)
- Direct the board to revise its penalty matrix to more closely align the severity of penalties with the risk a violation poses to the public. (Management action – nonstatutory)
- Direct the board to clearly define grossly unprofessional conduct. (Management action – nonstatutory)
- Direct the board to develop a more user-friendly online complaint form. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Licensing

- Require the board to conduct fingerprint-based criminal background checks of all licensure applicants and licensees.
- Remove unnecessary qualifications required of applicants for licensure.
- Authorize the board to check for disciplinary actions in other states or from other licensing boards for license applications and renewals, and to pursue any necessary enforcement action.
- Remove the limitation on the number of times an applicant can take the board's jurisprudence exam.
- Authorize the board, by rule, to establish license terms of two or more years.
- Remove the statutory limitation currently restricting the agency's authority to lower fees.
- Direct the board to stop requiring letters of recommendation as part the initial application process. (Management action – nonstatutory)

- Direct the board to limit and better focus its continuing education audit process. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Practice of Chiropractic

- Add the word “diagnose” to the definition of the practice of chiropractic.

Governance

- Continue the state’s regulation of chiropractors and the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners as an independent agency for 12 years.
- Update the standard across-the-board requirement related to board member training.