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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 811 **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

FILED

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FILING CAPTION: Updates language and requirements for clarity, consistency, and uniform application.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 03/19/2026 9:05 AM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 03/19/2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

OFFICER: Christa Haskell

REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

PHONE NUMBER: 503-446-4951

NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

Updating language and requirements for clarity, consistency, and uniform application.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

OAR Ch. 811, www.oregon.gov/obce

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

Updating rule format and language for accuracy and consistency will likely not affect racial equity.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Updating rule format and language for accuracy and consistency will likely not make a fiscal impact.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost

There are no aspects of compliance that are changing.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

5 of our board members who will be reviewing and voting on this rule are active, licensed chiropractic physicians and some either own or work for small businesses.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? YES

RULES PROPOSED:

811-010-0008, 811-015-0030, 811-020-0006, 811-020-0011, 811-021-0005

AMEND: 811-010-0008

RULE SUMMARY: This rule amendment clarifies that delinquent renewal fees for chiropractic assistants are cumulative as provided in subsections (2)(c) and (2)(d), updates the Oregon Health Authority Healthcare Workforce Survey fee in subsection (4), and adds failure to notify the OBCE within 30 days of a name change as a civil penalty in subsection (5)(a).

CHANGES TO RULE:

811-010-0008

Fees

All fees paid under these rules are non-refundable and are not prorated. All fees shall be paid by any electronic means supported by the payment portal.¶

(1) The following fees apply to chiropractic physician applicants and licensees:¶

(a) Initial application and background check fee: \$495;¶

(b) Initial application and background check fee for reciprocity candidates: \$495;¶

(c) Initial license fee: \$234;¶

(d) Active annual registration fee: \$663;¶

(e) Senior active annual registration: \$491.40;¶

(f) Inactive annual registration: \$351; and¶

(g) Delinquent fee for late renewal: \$150 per week.¶

(2) The following fees apply to chiropractic assistant applicants and certificate holders:¶

(a) Initial application, certification, and background check fee: \$175;¶

(b) Annual renewal: \$117;¶

(c) Delinquent fee for late renewal during the 30 day grace period immediately following the renewal date: \$25; and¶

(d) Delinquent fee for late renewal after the 30 day grace period: \$50. The delinquent fees found in subsection (c) and (d) are cumulative for a total of \$75.¶

(3) The criminal background check fee applies to applicants, chiropractic physicians and assistants: \$45.¶

(4) The Oregon Health Authority's Healthcare Workforce Survey fee applies to both chiropractic physicians and chiropractic assistants: \$24.¶

(5) If issued, the following fees apply to civil penalty citations:¶

(a) Failing to notify the OBCE within 30 days of changes to email, business, and mailing addresses, and any name changes: \$50;¶

(b) Failing to pay any fines or fees owed to the OBCE: \$50 per month of non-payment;¶

(c) Failing to comply with continuing education requirements:¶

(A) Chiropractic physicians: \$250 plus \$50 per credit hour not completed, or proof provided;¶

(B) Chiropractic assistant: \$15.00 per credit not completed;¶

(d) Failing to attend the Introduction to the Board meeting when required by the OBCE: \$250;¶

(e) Failing to notify the OBCE within 10 days that licensee is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, or arrested for a felony crime: \$125 per week;¶

(f) Failing to release patient records upon written request within 30 days: \$250;¶

(g) Failing to provide notice when leaving, selling, or retiring from the chiropractic office where the chiropractic physician has provided chiropractic services no later than 30 days prior to the last date the chiropractic physician worked at that location: \$500.¶

(h) Failing to notify the OBCE of designated records custodian: \$500.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 684

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 684.155

RULE SUMMARY: This rule amendment corrects and clarifies subsection (4)(a) by removing an incorrect reference to subsection (4)(c) and correcting grammatical errors related to supervision and documentation requirements for obstetrics certification.

CHANGES TO RULE:

811-015-0030

Chiropractic Obstetrics, Minor Surgery, and Proctology ¶

(1) A Minor Surgery/ Proctology Review Committee may be appointed by the Board. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Board. The committee may review the applications and rotation plans. The committee will review the results of the rotation and make a recommendation to the Board regarding the certification. The committee may advise the Board on all issues related to minor surgery and proctology.¶

(2) A chiropractic physician licensed in Oregon who wishes to practice minor surgery and/or proctology must apply to, and receive from, the Board a certification of special competency in minor surgery and/or proctology. To receive and maintain certification, the applicant must fulfill the following requirements:¶

(a) Give written application to the Board to practice minor surgery and/or proctology, provide evidence of completion of 36 hours of undergraduate or postgraduate coursework in minor surgery/proctology, and propose a plan to complete a rotation for practical experience in not less than 25 minor surgery/proctology cases. The purpose of the rotation is to learn and demonstrate competencies, as determined by the Board, under the guidance of one or more supervising licensed physicians. The numbers of procedures required in each of these areas will be determined by the Board.¶

(A) The rotation must include no less than five cases where all aspects of the cases are performed solely by the chiropractic physician, and observed by the supervising licensed physician.¶

(B) The remainder of the rotation not covered in paragraph (A) shall consist of cases where the chiropractic physician observes and/or assists.¶

(C) Adequate documentation of the chiropractic physician's participation in all cases is required on forms provided by, and returned to, the Board, and signed by the supervising licensed physician. It is required the rotation be completed within one year.¶

(b) In lieu of eight (8) hours of the continuing education requirement, a chiropractic physician may document performance or observation of twelve (12) minor surgery/proctology procedures every three years. Reasonable documentation of the procedure or observation is a copy of the patient schedule and/or patient billing or other patient record with the patient name redacted which indicates the type of procedure and date performed.¶

(3) A chiropractic physician who is also licensed in Oregon as a doctor of naturopathy may make written application to practice minor surgery and proctology. The application may be approved by the Board if the chiropractic physician can demonstrate their naturopathic training and experience is equivalent to that required under section (2).¶

(4) A chiropractic physician licensed in Oregon who wishes to practice obstetrics must apply to and receive from the Board a certification of special competency in obstetrics. To receive and maintain certification, the applicant must fulfill the following requirements:¶

(a) Successfully complete at least 200 hours of direct instruction (pre and/or post-graduation) at an approved chiropractic, naturopathic, medical, osteopathic college or hospital in obstetrics and furnish a signed log showing evidence that subsections (b) and (c) of this section have been completed under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner with specialty training in obstetrics and/or natural childbirth;¶

(b) After being licensed as a chiropractic physician, the licensee applicant must also complete the following:¶

(A) Take part in the supervised care of 50 pregnant persons in both the prenatal (including obstetrics intakes) and postnatal periods;¶

(B) Observe and assist in the intrapartum care and delivery of 50 natural childbirths in a hospital or alternative birth setting. These births must be under the supervision of a licensed practitioner with specialty training in obstetrics and/or natural childbirth. A labor and delivery that starts under the care of someone licensed to assist in childbirth and includes hospitalization shall count as a birth.¶

(C) Within the last five years, pass the OBCE OB/GYN examination.¶

(c) Submit annually, at the time certificate holders submit their general continuing education hours, 15 hours of continuing education in obstetrics. All 15 hours in obstetrics may be used to satisfy OAR 811-015-0025(4).¶

(5) Licensing action by the Board under ORS 684 shall be deemed to have an equal effect upon a certificate of special competency issued the practitioner, unless specifically provided otherwise in the Board action.¶

(a) When the subject of a disciplinary proceeding relates specifically to the practice of minor surgery, proctology,

or obstetrics by a licensee who possesses a certificate of special competency, the license action may, in lieu of affecting the entire scope of the licensee's practice, suspend, revoke, or curtail only the practitioner's authority under the certificate of special competency.¶

(b) To address emergency or other circumstances which indicate the use of substances or procedures not authorized for use by chiropractic physicians, a plan to access these must be developed in a timely fashion and entered in the patient's chart.¶

(6) Notwithstanding section (4), a chiropractic physician may obtain a license as a direct entry midwife from the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery. Any chiropractic physician licensed as a naturopathic physician and certified in natural childbirth by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners, may also practice natural childbirth/obstetrics as a chiropractic physician to the extent allowed by ORS 684.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 684

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 684.155

AMEND: 811-020-0006

RULE SUMMARY: This rule amendment removes obsolete subsection (4) references in two places and makes minor grammatical corrections to clarify existing educational hour requirements for physiotherapy and minor surgery/proctology without changing the substance of the requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

811-020-0006

Statement of Purpose ¶

It is the purpose of this Board to approve only those schools teaching the schedule of minimum educational requirements as defined by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Standards. These schools will also be evaluated for minimum educational requirements in minor surgery, proctology, and physiotherapy (ORS 684.050(4)), subjects which are not required by CCE standards. This Board may also approve those programs that are mutually recognized and endorsed by CCE through membership in the Councils on Chiropractic Education International, on a case-by-case basis.¶

(1) 120 hours ~~is~~are required in physiotherapy. Any chiropractic physician also licensed as a physical therapist is exempt from this requirement.¶

(2) 36 hours (survey course) ~~is~~are required in minor surgery/proctology (in addition to the standard courses of physical examination, emergency/first aid, histology etc.).¶

(3) Applicants for licensure in Oregon who have graduated from schools which do not meet the requirements for physiotherapy, minor surgery, or proctology must provide evidence of sufficient hours in these subjects from any approved CCE school (undergraduate or post-graduate educational program).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 684

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 684.050(4), 684.155(5)

AMEND: 811-020-0011

RULE SUMMARY: This rule amendment removes an obsolete subsection reference with no substantive change to the rule.

CHANGES TO RULE:

811-020-0011

List of Approved Schools and Programs ¶

The list of approved schools and programs shall be made available upon request as recognized, endorsed and as published by the Council on Chiropractic Education and approved by the Board.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 684

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 684.050(4), 684.155(5)

AMEND: 811-021-0005

RULE SUMMARY: This rule amendment updates the incorporation date for the referenced educational standards and makes a minor grammatical correction, with no substantive change to the requirements.

CHANGES TO RULE:

811-021-0005

Educational Standards for Chiropractic Schools, Colleges, Institutions and Universities ¶

The educational standards for chiropractic schools, colleges, institutions, and universities published by the Council on Chiropractic Education or their equivalent, current as of January 2018, ~~is 26~~, are hereby adopted. ¶
[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 684

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 684.155(5)