

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Proposing rulemaking related to colleges of chiropractic physicians  
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Chiropractic hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 42, “Colleges for Chiropractic Physicians,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 151 and 272C.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 151 and Executive Order 10.

*Purpose and Summary*

This proposed rulemaking is intended to establish requirements for chiropractic colleges that meet accreditation standards by the U.S. Department of Education and to support an internship program that allows students to be mentored by a licensed chiropractor.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 645—Chapter 18.

*Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written or oral comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2024. Comments should be directed to:

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Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing  
6200 Park Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50321  
Phone: 515.281.5234  
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*Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

January 30, 2024  
12:30 p.m.

6200 Park Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Video call link:  
[meet.google.com/jji-jaoj-uqy](https://meet.google.com/jji-jaoj-uqy)  
Or dial: 1.904.330.1060  
PIN: 744 558 427#  
More phone numbers:  
[tel.meet/jji-jaoj-uqy?pin=4753713549740](https://tel.meet/jji-jaoj-uqy?pin=4753713549740)

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Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking. In an effort to ensure accuracy in memorializing a person's comments, a person may provide written comments in addition to or in lieu of oral comments at a hearing.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 645—Chapter 42 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 42  
COLLEGES FOR CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS

**645—42.1(151) Definitions.** For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions will apply:

“*Chiropractic intern*” means a chiropractic student of an approved college of chiropractic in the student's last academic quarter, semester, or trimester of study, who is eligible for graduation from the college of chiropractic and is eligible to complete a preceptorship program, as authorized by these rules.

“*Chiropractic preceptor*” means a chiropractic physician licensed and practicing in Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 151, who accepts a chiropractic intern or resident into the practice for the purpose of providing the chiropractic student with a clinical experience of the practice of chiropractic, and who meets the requirements of these rules.

“*Chiropractic resident*” means a graduate chiropractic physician who has received a doctor of chiropractic degree from a college of chiropractic approved by the board, and who is not licensed in any state, but who is practicing under a chiropractic preceptorship authorized under these rules.

“*Chiropractic student*” means a student of an approved college of chiropractic.

“*Council on Chiropractic Education*” or “*CCE*” means the organization that establishes the Educational Standards of Chiropractic Colleges and Bylaws. A copy of the standards may be requested from the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE).

*“Preceptorship practice”* means the chiropractic practice of a single chiropractic physician or group of chiropractic physicians in a particular business or clinic, into which a licensed practicing chiropractic physician has accepted a chiropractic intern or chiropractic resident for the limited purpose of providing the intern or resident with a clinical experience in the practice of chiropractic.

*“60-minute hour”* means at least 50 minutes of resident attendance with no more than 10 minutes for note taking and breaks.

**645—42.2(151) Board-approved chiropractic colleges.** Approval of a chiropractic college may be granted if the program submits proof to the board of chiropractic that the chiropractic program meets the following requirements:

**42.2(1)** The chiropractic college is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CACCE), as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

**42.2(2)** The core curriculum meets the requirements of the CACCE standards and, in addition:

*a.* Covers a period of four academic years totaling not less than 4,000 60-minute hours in actual resident attendance;

*b.* Comprises a supervised course of study, including clinical practical instruction, in all of the subjects specified in Iowa Code section 151.1(3); and

*c.* Includes a minimum of 120 hours of physiotherapy coursework with a clinical practical component on the procedures covered in the course.

**42.2(3)** The chiropractic college publishes in a regularly issued catalog the requirements for graduation and degrees that are required by the Iowa board of chiropractic.

**42.2(4)** Transcripts include entries for all completed coursework.

**645—42.3(151) Practice by chiropractic interns and chiropractic residents.** A student enrolled in a board-approved chiropractic preceptorship program in the state of Iowa may treat patients without obtaining an Iowa license, provided the requirements of these rules are met.

**645—42.4(151) Approved chiropractic preceptorship program.** The board will approve a chiropractic college’s preceptorship program if the program meets the following requirements:

**42.4(1)** The preceptorship program meets current CCE standards for consumer protection.

**42.4(2)** The preceptorship program is an established component of the curriculum offered by a board-approved chiropractic college.

**42.4(3)** Chiropractic interns who participate in the preceptorship program have met all requirements for graduation from the chiropractic college except for completion of the preceptorship period.

**42.4(4)** Chiropractic residents who participate in the postgraduate preceptorship program have graduated from a chiropractic college approved by the board.

**42.4(5)** All chiropractic physicians who serve as preceptors will be approved under rule 645—42.5(151).

**42.4(6)** The chiropractic college retains ultimate responsibility for student learning and evaluations during the preceptorship.

**42.4(7)** The chiropractic preceptor will supervise no more than one chiropractic intern or one chiropractic resident for the duration of a given preceptorship period.

**42.4(8)** If a preceptor agreement must be canceled for any reason, it is the responsibility of the chiropractic college to assign the intern or resident to another preceptor and notify the Iowa board of chiropractic of the preceptorship cancellation. The notice shall include reasons for cancellation of the preceptorship.

**645—42.5(151) Approved chiropractic physician preceptors.**

**42.5(1)** A chiropractic physician will be approved to be a chiropractic physician preceptor if the following criteria are met:

*a.* The chiropractic physician holds a current Iowa chiropractic license and has continuously held licensure in the United States for the previous five years prior to preceptorship;

*b.* The chiropractic physician is currently fully credentialed by the sponsoring chiropractic college and approved by the board; and

*c.* The chiropractic physician has not had any formal disciplinary action.

**42.5(2)** The role of the chiropractic physician preceptor will include:

*a.* Responsibility for supervising the practice of the chiropractic intern or chiropractic resident who is accepted into a preceptorship practice.

*b.* Identifying the chiropractic intern or chiropractic resident to the patients of the preceptorship practice to ensure that no patient will misconstrue the status of the intern or resident. The intern or resident will wear a badge identifying that person as an intern or resident at all times in the presence of preceptorship patients.

*c.* Exercising direct, on-premises supervision of the chiropractic intern or chiropractic resident at all times that the intern or resident is engaged in any facet of patient care in the chiropractic physician preceptor's clinic.

*d.* Directing the chiropractic intern or chiropractic resident only in treatment care that is within the educational background and experience of the preceptor.

*e.* Notifying the preceptorship program within 30 days of either of the following actions:

(1) If the preceptor has any formal disciplinary action taken by any licensing entity; or

(2) If the preceptor is a party to any malpractice settlement or judgment.

**645—42.6(151) Termination of preceptorship.** A preceptorship may terminate upon the occurrence of one of the following events:

**42.6(1)** Interns. The intern graduates from a board-approved college of chiropractic.

**42.6(2)** Residents. Twelve months have passed since the resident graduated from a board-approved college of chiropractic.

**42.6(3)** Formal disciplinary action is taken against the preceptor or the preceptor is a party to a final malpractice judgment or settlement agreement.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 151.