

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

- Review of the minutes from August 18, 2022.

OPEN FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

- Schedule 2023 meeting dates.
- Petition for Declaratory Ruling and letter on behalf of the Board

ADJOURN

Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Meeting/Hearing via Microsoft Teams

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners** held a meeting on August 18, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gina Carucci, DC
Karlos Boghosian, DC
Sean Robotham, DC
Pamela Sawyer (Public Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Candito Carroccia, DC

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

I. MINUTES

Dr. Robotham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sawyer, to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Declaratory Ruling regarding the use of the Emsculpt Neo medical device.

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present for this discussion.

The Board reviewed the draft proposed declaratory ruling with Attorney Colson.

Dr. Boghosian made a motion seconded by Dr. Robotham to approve the Proposed Declaratory Ruling which states that the use of the Emsculpt Neo medical device is not within the scope of chiropractic practice in the State of Connecticut. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Sawyer who was opposed.

The proposed decision will be provided the parties who will have an opportunity to request oral argument and submit briefs and exceptions. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health will have final approval of the proposed ruling.

III. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Carucci, seconded by Dr. Boghosian.

Respectfully submitted
Karlos Boghosian, DC
Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING CONCERNING
 POSTURAL SCREENINGS BY CHIROPRACTORS

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2022

FOR THE BOARD: Karlos Boghosian, DC, Board Member
 Sean Robotham, DC, Board Member
 Pamela Sawyer, Public Member

PROPOSED DECLARATORY RULING

Dear CT Board of Chiropractic Examiners,

We are writing to petition the Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to issue a Declaratory Ruling that chiropractors may provide postural screenings for school-aged children.

As written in the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-214(c):

Each local or regional board of education shall provide postural screenings for (1) each female pupil in grades five and seven, and (2) each male pupil in grade eight or nine. The superintendent of schools shall give written notice to the parent or guardian of each pupil (A) who evidences any postural problem, with a brief statement describing such evidence, and (B) who did not receive a postural screening, with a brief statement explaining why such pupil did not receive such postural screening.

Section 10-214(d) further states:

Test results or treatment provided as a result of the screenings pursuant to this section shall be recorded on forms pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 10-206.

Section 10-206 explains who may perform postural screenings:

... such assessments shall be conducted by (1) a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, (2) an advanced practice registered nurse or nurse or registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378, (3) a physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, (4) a school medical advisor, or (5) a

legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stationed at any military base, to ascertain whether such pupil is suffering from any physical disability tending to prevent such pupil from receiving the full benefit of school work and to ascertain whether such school work should be modified in order to prevent injury to the pupil or to secure for the pupil a suitable program of education.

Licensed Doctors of Chiropractic are not included in this list. In fact, DCs may be excluded. This an excerpt from Brown Intermediate School in Madison, CT that was distributed to parents in the Spring of 2021:

Attention: All Parents/Guardians of Grade 4 and 5 girls:

The State of Connecticut requires that all girls in grade 4 and 5 be screened for scoliosis. Boys are no longer screened for scoliosis in grade 5. The purpose of postural screening is to detect signs of spinal curvature at their earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined.

*If your healthcare provider has screened your daughter after June 1, 2020, you may provide the results of this postural screening to the Health Office. It must be signed and stamped by your healthcare provider. **CT statute (10-214) does not permit acceptance of screening by chiropractors.** Documentation that your child has been screened with results from the healthcare provider must be received by the health office by April 30th.*

It is contrary to public health and safety to include professionals who have minimal training and / or limited knowledge in spinal health as qualified to conduct postural screenings yet exclude the very professionals whose entire course of study is dedicated to ensuring they are experts.

We are petitioning the Connecticut Board of Chiropractic Examiners to review these statutes and include licensed Doctors of Chiropractic to be included in the list of healthcare providers able to perform postural screenings for school-aged children.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us if you would like further explanation.

In health,

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