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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 190

Department or Agency: Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Rule No.: 190-X-7-.02

Rule Title: Extern

Intended Action Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

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Date

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 190-X-7-.02 Extern

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners proposes amending this rule to comply with changes to the Code of AL resulting from Act 2025-335, effective May 13, 2025.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 1700 Yellowleaf Road, Clanton, AL, 35045, telephone 205-755-8000

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Monday, August 4, 2025

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

(1) Extern. A student enrolled in their last year at a Board approved chiropractic college accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education or a recent chiropractic graduate of such an accredited school who is ~~issued a limited license~~approved by the board to practice under the direct on-premises supervision of a sponsor licensed to practice chiropractic in the state of Alabama and in the case of a student, under the supervision of the accredited school.

(2) Qualifications. In order to receive a permit as :an Extern the following applies

(a) Student

1. In addition to the requirements imposed in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-145, the following qualifications must be met:

(i) Currently enrolled in the final academic year at an approved chiropractic college which maintains a standard of training acceptable to the Board.

(ii) Documentation of successfully completing the written examination Parts I and II of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination.

(iii) Provide evidence of malpractice insurance coverage.

(b) Graduate

1. In addition to the requirements imposed in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-145, the following qualifications must be met:

(i) Graduated within six (6) months preceding the filing of an application from an approved chiropractic college maintaining a standard of training acceptable to the Board and not yet licensed in any other state.

(ii) Documentation of successfully passing Parts I and II of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination.

(iii) Successfully passing Part III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination within twelve (12) months following the date of graduation.

(iv) Provide evidence of malpractice insurance coverage.

(c) Any student or graduate must submit an application which shall include a provision that in executing the application the applicant agrees to comply with the provisions of the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and all the Rules adopted by the Board. In addition, a student, in order to be approved, must have submitted a current and complete ~~licensure~~ application, including any fee ~~and documentation, required by all student applicants for licensure~~ in the amount set forth by Board rule. The fees must be in the form of a cashier's check, bank certified check, or money order only. These fees are non-refundable.

1. For purpose of this rule the following meanings shall apply.

(i) Tier I applicants are those whose results from any required background checks have not yet been received. Tier I applicants are not allowed to adjust, or make any diagnosis or treatment directly with the patient. Tier I extern can perform same services as a chiropractic assistant as long as under the direct supervision of the preceptor doctor and may observe the preceptor doctors treatment of patients.

(ii) Tier II applicants are those who have successfully complied with all requirements set out in this rule. Tier II applicants should be able to have full patient treatment privileges as long as under the direct supervision of the preceptor doctor. A student who graduates is no longer eligible to possess a permit to participate in the preceptorship program unless at the time of graduation the requirements of Part III and IV of the National Chiropractors Examination have not been satisfied. In that event, participation in the preceptor program may continue for no longer than twelve (12) months following the date of graduation.

(d) Anyone approved as an extern shall only deliver chiropractic services under the direct on-premises supervision of an approved preceptor. The chiropractic services delivered are those specified in the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act or in any Rule adopted by the Board.

(e) Externs performing chiropractic procedures under the supervision and direction of a Preceptor shall not represent themselves to the public as licensed Chiropractors or use terms such as "Chiropractor", "Doctor of Chiropractic" or "D.C."

(3) Each applicant for this permit shall be of good moral character or have not engaged in any act or omission which is a ground for discipline set out and described in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-166(b). In addition, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States or if not such a citizen, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the Federal Government.

Author: Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-145, 34-24-165.

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