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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, by proclamation dated March 14, 2020, issued by Tate Reeves, Governor of the state of Mississippi, a state of emergency was declared pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11, in order to address the high risk for an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, in the state of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proclamation has invoked the emergency powers of the Governor pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11(c)(1) to temporarily suspend the provisions of any statute, rule, or regulation of a state agency which would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, as an agency of the state of Mississippi wishes to comply with the Governor's proclamation and take those steps necessary to address access to needed medical care, including practice of chiropractic, to the citizens of the state of Mississippi during this time of emergency and the safety of chiropractic licensees; and

**WHEREAS**, gathering in groups of more than ten (10) persons or standing within six (6) feet of others increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners recognizes that classroom continuing education sessions would necessitate violating the requirements of the social distancing recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the Mississippi Department of Health, and the Governor of the state of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, *Miss. Code Ann.* § 73-6-34 requires chiropractors to present proof of three-hundred (300) classroom hours of study in insurance claim review by a course of study recognized by the Mississippi State Chiropractic Examining Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 2001, Chapter 12, Section 108 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* defines "course of study" as a classroom seminar of educational instruction presented or sponsored by a chiropractic college accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education and approved by the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 2001, Chapter 12, Section 109 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* defines "hours of study" as unduplicated sixty (60) minute units of classroom instruction, provided or sponsored by a Chiropractic College accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education, and approved by the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 2001, Chapter 12, Section 110 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* defines "hours of continuing education" as unduplicated sixty (60) minute units of classroom post-graduate educational instruction, or an ongoing nature, provided or sponsored by a Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) accredited school of chiropractic and approved by the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the risk posed by attending in-person continuing education classes to chiropractic physicians and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that strict compliance with *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-6-34* and the requirements of Part 2001, Chapter 12, Sections 108, 109, and 110 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* may result in unnecessary face-to-face interactions which may increase the risk of transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 2001, Chapter 17, Section 101 and Part 2001, Chapter 17, Section 102 require fees for application and renewal of externships; and

**WHEREAS**, delays in the administration of examinations due to COVID-19 may delay the licensing of graduates of CCE-accredited colleges of chiropractic, necessitating more or extended externships.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board suspends the requirement of *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-6-34* and the requirements of Part 2001, Chapter 12, Sections 108, 109, and 110 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* that the hours of a course of study or continuing education classes for chiropractic claims reviewers be "classroom hours; and

**FURTHER**, the Board approves for credit to satisfy the three hundred (300) hour education requirement for chiropractic claims review any online course of study offered by a school accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education; and

**FURTHER**, the Board approves for credit to satisfy the continuing education requirement for chiropractic claims review any online course of study offered by a school accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or certified for continuing education credit by the chiropractic licensing board and chiropractic association of any state; and

**FURTHER**, the Board waives any fee for application or renewal for approval of an externship until such time as the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners resumes testing; and

**FURTHER**, except as specially stated herein, all other regulations remain in full force and effect.

**SO ORDERED AND APPROVED**, by the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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By: *Dorothy A. Pernell D.C.*  
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For and on Behalf of the Board