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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

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EMAIL <a href="mailto:Kim.turner@ago.ms.gov">Kim.turner@ago.ms.gov</a>	SUBMIT DATE 6/12/2026	Name or number of rule(s): Title 30, Part 2001, Chapter 5, R. 5.8; Chapter 8, R. 8.4; and Chapter 12, R. 12.4		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Amendment to Rule 5.8 to implement a fingerprint based criminal background check as a prerequisite to license; Rule 8.4 to simplify the continuing education requirement of chiropractic assistants; and Rule 12.4 to ensure compliance with Miss. Code Ann. Sections 73-39-67 and 73-6-1(8). Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. §73-6-5

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Title 30, Part 2001, Rules 5.8, 8.4, and 12.4

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original filing <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immediately upon filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<b>Action proposed:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal of existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption by reference <b>Proposed final effective date:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<b>Date Proposed Rule Filed:</b> <b>Action taken:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with changes <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by reference <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal adopted as proposed <b>Effective date:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General, as Board Counsel for the MS State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Signature of person authorized to file rules: *Kim P Turner*

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

**Title 30 Professions and Occupations  
Part 2001**

**Chapter 5 Licensure**

**Rule 5.8 Good Moral Character** The Board shall consider the following criteria in assessing an individual's "good moral character". Conduct that reasonably raises a question about whether an individual possesses good moral character required for licensure includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- A. Conviction of any criminal offense, other than a routine traffic violation;
- B. Disciplinary action taken by the applicable governmental authority of any jurisdiction, state, territory, or political subdivision against any professional license, registration, or certification held by the applicant/licensee;
- C. Conduct that involves any of the following:
  - i. Failure to exercise proper regard for the applicant/licensee's own health, welfare, or safety;
  - ii. Failure to exercise proper regard for the health, welfare, safety, or legal rights of another person; or
  - iii. Fraud, deception, or lack of honesty or truthfulness.

Beginning June 1, 2026, the Board will require all applicants for licensure under Rules 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.7 to undergo a fingerprint based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the Board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. The applicant is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining his/her fingerprints. The Board will charge a fee to the applicant for the costs associated with requesting and obtaining state criminal history records for each applicant.

Any state criminal history records obtained by the Board that are not already a matter of public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential information and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 73-6-13 & 73-6-17.

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**Chapter 8 Chiropractic Assistants**

**Rule 8.4 Coursework Requirements.** All chiropractic assistants must complete six (6) hours of continuing education annually in a course of study approved by the Board.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. § 73-6-5 (2).

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## Chapter 12 Chiropractic Practice

### **Rule 12.4 Animal Chiropractic.**

A licensed chiropractor may act as an unlicensed veterinary assistant and may manipulate and/or adjust animals upon referral from a Mississippi licensed veterinarian when acting with informed consent of the client and under the direct or indirect supervision and control of the licensed veterinarian provided ~~that~~ the licensed chiropractor has successfully completed a course of study approved by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, or another course that is substantially equivalent and approved by the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Compliance with this Rule 12.4 and Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-39-67 constitutes compliance with Section 73-6-1(8).

Any licensed chiropractor providing services on animals must register with the Board. Initial registration shall require a certified transcript demonstrating completion of course of study as approved by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, or another course that is substantially equivalent and approved by the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine.

A Mississippi licensed chiropractor who has acted as an unlicensed veterinary assistant and has manipulated and/or adjusted animals under the direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed veterinarian for a period of eight (8) years prior to July 1, 2025, shall not be required to successfully complete a course of study approved by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, or another course that is substantially equivalent and approved by the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine but may continue to provide chiropractic services to animals if he registers as such with the Board on or before September 30, 2025.

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~~coursework within six (6) months of initial employment. The basic coursework includes four (4) areas:~~

- ~~1. foundational knowledge (i.e. human anatomy, human physiology, clinical terminology, and treatment and conditions),~~
- ~~2. patient safety and procedures (i.e. recognizing and preventing office hazards, therapeutic modalities and procedures, X-ray safety, and vital statistics),~~
- ~~3. documentation (i.e. forms, HIPAA, billing and coding, and record keeping), and~~
- ~~4. ethics and boundaries (i.e. sexual boundaries/harassment, patient-staff relations, doctor-staff relations, finances and billing, and confidentiality).~~

~~The coursework may be obtained from a course(s) at which both the presenter and attendee are live and in-person.~~

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