



## Iowa Board of Chiropractic Guidelines Related to Governor Reynold's Proclamations & COVID-19

On March 22, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Emergency Disaster. In this Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to a number of professions, including those professions regulated by the Board of Chiropractic. The Proclamation eases administrative rules relating to renewal of licenses, continuing education, and background checks. *The suspension of rules identified in the Proclamation is effective through April 16, 2020, unless the Governor terminates or extends the Proclamation.* As required in the Proclamation, the Board of Chiropractic issues this guidance relating to the temporary suspension of administrative rules in these areas:

### **License Renewal**

Your license is not scheduled to expire until June 30, 2020. The Board does not anticipate the Proclamation having an impact on your license renewal. In the event the Proclamation is extended in a manner that does impact your license renewal, the Board will send additional information at that time.

### **Continuing Education**

Any Board rules that require you to complete any continuing education in-person are waived for the next license renewal.

To the extent possible, you are encouraged to take distance education courses and try to meet all continuing education requirements in accordance with your renewal deadline. There is currently no limit on the number of continuing education hours that may be obtained through distance education.

To the extent any provision in this Guidance is inconsistent with a provision in the Proclamation, the provision of the Proclamation shall prevail.

Unless specifically included or addressed within this Guidance, all other regulatory requirements enforced or administered by the Board shall remain in full force and effect. In addition, other than the requirements specifically identified and addressed in this Guidance, nothing contained in this Guidance shall be construed as an exemption from any other portion of the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code.

If additional allowances from Board rules outside of the scope of the rules or issues addressed by this Guidance are required due to circumstances relating to COVID-19, such allowances shall be handled as individual petitions for waiver or variance from Board rules.

The provisions of this Guidance shall be effective immediately, as of the date of signature, below, and shall extend coterminous with the Proclamation, including any extensions thereto, unless and solely to the extent otherwise stated herein or unless otherwise extended by subsequent order of the Board in a manner consistent with and permitted by the Proclamation.