

Media release

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Public Consultation – *Code of conduct for chiropractors* and *Guidelines – Clinical record keeping*

The Chiropractic Board of Australia seeks feedback on its:

1. *Code of conduct for chiropractors* (revised)
2. *Guidelines – Clinical record keeping*

These documents have been created under the provisions of s39 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* and are intended to provide guidance to practitioners.

While these two documents are related, they are being consulted on as separate items. As part of the consultation on the clinical record keeping document, the Board seeks input as to whether the two documents should be combined into a single document.

The *Guidelines – Clinical record keeping* are a new document and the *Code of conduct for chiropractors* is a revised version of the initial code approved early in 2010.

Chiropractic Board of Australia Chair, Dr Phillip Donato OAM, emphasised that the Board has undertaken a lengthy and detailed review of the code of conduct in cooperation with a workgroup that included representatives from most major stakeholder groups.

“The review process did not recommend that there be significant change to much of the code, in fact most changes were minor and improved clarity and consistency of the document. The most significant changes have been in the appendices”, said Dr Donato.

‘All submissions will be considered, and depending on the extent of the feedback from this consultation stage and the changes required to either document, it is possible that the Board may decide that further consultation will be necessary on subsequent versions’.

Interested parties are invited to make written submissions on this proposal. Please note that your submission will be placed on the Board’s website unless you indicate otherwise.

If you wish to provide comments on this draft paper, please provide written comments in electronic form to chiroboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by close of business on 26 October 2012.

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