code of professional practice for chiropractors

Gerald Vargas to natboards 07/04/2010 09:35 AM

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Registration Board,

I wish to request as a practising and registered chiropractor that you exclude the Code of professional Practice for Chiropractors in Australia from consideration.
I feel that it is not in the best light and direction for the board to entertain this proposal.
It is not mandatory under Part 5, Division 3 nor has the National Board ensured that there is wide-ranging consultation about its content as it is required to do under Section 40

It is respectfully submitted that the National Board concentrate on developing robust complaints handling procedures that begin with positive education of the profession and utilize strong peer review components to address any trends in conduct that may develop in the future.

Those procedures should include:

- Talks to chiropractic students before they become registered about professional practice and the nature of complaints.
- Talks to the profession at association meetings.
- Regular written communication with the profession about matters that have arisen and the board's current attitude to such matters. For example: a chiropractor has a complaint made about a care plan suggesting eighty visits for a six month old child. The Board provides advice and recommendations to the chiropractor that under section **1.2 Professional values and qualities** of the Professional Code of Conduct the Board considers that that the care plan is viewed as excessive and unjustifiable. It includes an article to that effect in the next regular communiqué to the profession.
- The provision of advice and recommendations to chiropractors who have been found to have developed management procedures that have caused a complaint.

Many thanks,

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