

## Communiqué

The July meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 24 July 2012 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA) National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights key issues from this meeting.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the Board.

### Health Ministers Announce New Appointments and Reappointments

On 30 July 2012 the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) announced new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner and community members to fill vacancies arising across ten National Boards for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS). The vacancies arose as a result of the expiry of 105 terms of the inaugural appointments to these national boards (as made by the Ministerial Council in 2009) and were advertised in the national press on 11 February 2012. The following members have been reappointed/appointed to the Chiropractic Board of Australia for the next term from 30 August 2012:

Dr Phillip Donato	Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from South Australia
Dr Mark McEwan	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Dr G Bevan Goodreid	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Dr Amanda-Jane Kimpton	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Dr Sharyn Eaton	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Dr Michael Badham	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory
Ms Margaret Wolf	Reappointed as a community member

♦ Two year appointment from 30 August 2012

**Note:** Ms A Burgess and Ms B Kent were appointed as community members on the Chiropractic Board of Australia via an earlier round of appointments in May 2012

### Review of registration standards, guidelines and codes

One of the Board's functions under the National Law is to develop or approve standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession. The Board must consult widely about any standards, codes or guidelines that it develops. Registration standards are developed by the Board and must be approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (Ministerial Council). All these registration standards commenced on 1 July 2010 and are due for review at least every three years. The Board develops and approves codes and guidelines.

The Chiropractic Board of Australia, in conjunction with all the National Boards, will be starting a process to review their registration standards and the codes and guidelines that are due for review, over the next few months. A plan is being developed to co-ordinate the requests to stakeholders common across professions.

### **Audit Pilot**

The first phase of an audit pilot of pharmacy practitioners was recently completed. The audit pilot, conducted with a group of randomly selected pharmacy practitioners, was designed to determine the frequency, size and types of audits required and establish a robust audit methodology that can eventually be applied across all the professions in the National Scheme.

The report on the outcomes of the first phase is the final stages of production will soon be made available on the AHPRA website. The second phase, which will involve similar pilots across the pharmacy, optometry and chiropractic professions, will begin in October 2012 and run for approximately 3 months. Practitioners will be randomly selected across these three professions when they apply to renew their registration for the 2012-13 period. This will apply to both paper and online renewal applications. They will be audited for compliance against their board's registration standards: criminal history check, professional indemnity insurance, recency of practice and continuing professional development.

Using the lessons learned from the first phase of the pilot, further work in conjunction with the relevant National Boards will be undertaken to refine the audit framework in preparation for a profession wide application. Further information will be made available on each of the participating board's websites in the lead up to the commencement of the second phase.

### **Conclusion**

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au) or [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au). For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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