



## Communiqué

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The September 2015 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 18 September 2015 and the Board met the following day for a planning day. Both meetings were held at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (AHPRA) National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights the important issues from these meetings.

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

The Board met on 19 September 2015 for a planning workshop. The workshop was held to enable the Board to review and revise both its strategic and regulatory work plans for the coming year.

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 its content.

### **Appointment of new members**

The Board welcomed two new members to their first meeting, Dr Ailsa Wood, Queensland practitioner member, and Mr Frank Ederle, community member. The Board looks forward to working with these members in the future.

### **Ministerial approval of revised registration standards**

The Board noted that Ministers had approved the revised registration standards for continuing professional development, recency of practice and professional indemnity insurance arrangements. The revised standards will be published on the Board's website in the near future with additional information regarding their implementation to follow in due course. The Board noted that the revised registration standards will not be applied retrospectively.

### **Position statement on paediatric care**

The Board considered and discussed a position statement on issues regarding chiropractic treatment of paediatric patients. The Board noted that it is a practitioner's responsibility to ensure that they are up-to-date and competent to provide treatment to the paediatric patient. A final version will be published on the Board's website in the near future.

### **Chiropractic treatment of animals**

The Board considered the issue of chiropractors providing treatment to animals and their existing policy regarding this practise. The Board noted that the National Law provides for the protection of the public and, consistent with this policy, this has been deemed to imply that it relates to care being provided to humans. The Board does not have a role to play in the oversight of practitioners providing treatment to animals other than when a person uses a title that could lead to the belief that the person is a registered health practitioner when they are not.

### **NRAS registration and accreditation scheme**

The Board received a paper regarding the implementation and evaluation of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme's regulatory principles. The Board endorsed the recommendations for future implementation and agreed to the suggested minor amendment to the principles.

The amended regulatory principles will be published on AHPRA's website in due course.

### **Conclusion**

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National 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 information or help with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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