



## Communiqué

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### April 2017 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

The April 2017 meeting was held by teleconference.

#### **New accreditation standards**

The Board considered the proposed *Accreditation standards for chiropractic programs* submitted by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) along with supporting and related documents including *Competency standards for graduating chiropractors* and *Accreditation guidelines for chiropractic education programs*.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 47(3) of the National Law, the Board agreed to approve the submitted *Accreditation standards for chiropractic programs*. These standards will come into effect once published on the Board's website.

#### **Board forum on continuing professional development**

The Board noted a report on the survey feedback from the continuing professional development (CPD) forum held in March. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and also provided some helpful points to make future forums even better. The Board wishes to thank everyone who attended and participated.

#### **Update on the review of the Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct for Chiropractic is also used by 10 other National Boards (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice, Chinese Medicine, Chiropractic, Dental, Medical Radiation Practice, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Osteopathy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Podiatry) with some minor profession-specific changes for some Boards.

The Code is a regulatory document that provides an overarching guide to support and inform good practice and to help practitioners, Boards, employers, healthcare users and other stakeholders to understand what good practice involves. It seeks to help and support practitioners to deliver safe and effective health services within an ethical framework.

As the Code was last published in March 2014 the Board has started a scheduled review that will draw on best available research and data and involve additional stakeholder consultation and engagement. The Board is working with other National Boards which use the Code on the review.

The review is still at an early research phase. However, the Board is already considering how it can maximise opportunities for input when the consultation stage of the review starts. In addition to public consultation the Board intends to use its website and other social media to inform the profession of how it

can contribute to the review. The Board will highlight opportunities to be involved in upcoming communiqués and newsletters.

### **Advertising compliance and enforcement strategy**

The Board considered and endorsed a cross profession national strategy to help keep health service consumers safe from misleading advertising. Building upon the significant work already done by the Board in this area, this strategy provides an approach to managing advertising complaints and taking appropriate action to achieve compliance. The [Advertising compliance and enforcement strategy for the National Scheme](#) sends a loud and clear message to registered health practitioners that when advertising your health services you must comply with your professional and legal requirements to not mislead consumers in any way, or consequences may follow. The strategy and other advertising resource information is available on the [Advertising resources](#) section of the AHPRA website. More information will be published in coming months.

### **Follow AHPRA on social media**

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### **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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