Streamlining Chiropractic Specialty Program Recognition

In an effort to assist member boards in adapting their legal language to utilize the FCLB RCSP program, the Federation has developed suggestions for boards to review with their legal counsel. It is hoped that most boards will be able to promulgate Rules without needing to make changes in the Statute. This suggested model allows boards to continue to approve specialty program providers like they may do currently, while ALSO recognizing the RCSP program providers.

**RECOMMENDED STATUTE:**

Section ____. Delegated Authority.

(A) The Board shall have the authority to control and regulate the practice of Chiropractic in [Name of Jurisdiction] including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Determining standards for recognizing and approving organizations that bestow /award recognition of advanced or specialty certification as a prerequisite of and condition to use by licensee of such designation.

Section_____. Advertising and Promotional Materials

(A) For purposes of advertising and representing to the public through any means, including promotional materials to patients or intended to induce prospective patients to engage in professional services, Chiropractors may accurately indicate their status as duly licensed by the Board. Chiropractors are prohibited from advertising, representing or using promotional materials of any type that are false, misleading, and deceptive or could be misleading to the public, including advertisements and materials intended to induce patients and prospective patients to engage in professional services. Chiropractors are prohibited from referring to themselves as a specialist, board certified, diplomate or any other words or phrases that indicate specialization, board certification or other advanced recognition, unless the issuer of such credential is approved by the Board under this section ___ and duly promulgated regulation hereunder.

(B) The Board shall promulgate regulations addressing the criteria for any individuals, entities or organizations seeking recognition as a Board approved or recognized specialty or board certification entity, including the materials submitted to substantiate eligibility consistent with the below criteria. At a minimum, the criteria shall include the following:
   a. Verification of participant attendance;
   b. Credible and verified relevance of content, including a sufficient number of education and experiential hours;
   c. Credible assessment mechanism(s) to ensure competence in the field;
d. Adequate faculty or other methods of delivery of content; and  
e. Adequate financial resources to implement and sustain the above criteria;  
f. Additional criteria reasonably determined necessary by the Board to carry out the intent  
of this statute.

(C) The Board shall promulgate regulations addressing the application and renewal processes for  
organizations seeking recognition as a Board approved specialty or board certification entity,  
including the materials submitted to substantiate initial eligibility and continued compliance  
with the above criteria. At a minimum, the application and renewal process shall include the  
following:  
a. Application forms;  
b. Documentation substantiating compliance with criteria in subsection (B) above;  
c. Relevant application fees not to exceed $_____;  
d. Renewal forms, such renewal to occur at least on a biennial basis;  
e. Documentation substantiating continued compliance with criteria in subsection (B)  
above;  
f. Relevant renewal application fees not to exceed $___ on a biennial basis.  
g. Such other processes reasonably determined necessary by the Board to carry out the  
intent of this statute.

The Board decision as to meeting qualifications and renewal of recognition or approval shall be final and  
not subject to an administrative appeal.

RECOMMENDED RULE:  
Pursuant to Article ___ Section ____, Delegation of Application Process  
The Board may employ, cooperate, and contract the task of identifying chiropractic specialty program  
providers acceptable to the RCSP-Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program (RCSP), or other approved  
entity, as satisfying the requirements of the Board for purposes of the specialty program recognition  
process. Pursuant to the legislative authority granted to the board, the Board hereby recognizes the  
requirements adopted from time to time of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards Recognized  
Chiropractic Specialty Program (FCLB RCSP) as the requirements of the Board. The Board, however,  
reserves the approval authority for all programs based on furtherance of professional development and  
related areas, and in the interest of the public protection objectives of the Act.  

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