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**4 CSR 70-3.010 Preceptorship**

*PURPOSE: This rule allows preceptorship programs by approved chiropractic colleges and explains the allowable activities by interns.*

(1) Definitions.

(A) Authorized chiropractic college is a board-approved chiropractic college authorized to engage in preceptorship programs under these rules.

(B) Approved program is a preceptorship program approved by the board at an accredited chiropractic college.

(C) Preceptorship program is a clinical program in which chiropractic interns participate under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractic physician who has been approved by the college and the board to serve as a preceptor. The preceptorship program will operate in a facility where chiropractic services have been approved by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(D) Preceptor or extension faculty member is a licensed chiropractic physician actively practicing in this state who has been appointed to the extension faculty of an accredited chiropractic college and has been approved by the board.

(E) Intern is an individual enrolled in an accredited chiropractic college who has completed all requirements for the doctor of chiropractic degree except for the final clinical phase of the program.

(F) Licensed chiropractic physician means a chiropractic physician who is authorized to practice chiropractic in this state and is in good standing with the board.

(G) Direct supervision means a licensed chiropractic physician shall remain on the premises at all times and shall directly supervise and continuously monitor the intern's performance.

(H) Board shall mean the Missouri State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(2) Preceptorship programs, as defined in this rule and when approved by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners using the procedures provided in these rules, are determined by the board not to be the practice of chiropractic. Any program organized or operated not in accordance with these rules or which has not been approved by the board shall be consid-

ered to be the practice of chiropractic without a license.

(3) Chiropractic preceptorship programs may be approved by the board if the following conditions have been met:

(A) The chiropractic college sponsoring the program shall have executed an agreement with the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The agreement shall conform with all laws of Missouri and with the rules of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(B) The program, at a minimum, must meet the following requirements:

1. Intern qualifications. To be eligible, an intern must be in good standing at the approved chiropractic college and file the necessary application forms, as required by the board, and pay a nonrefundable application fee. In addition, the applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from clinical science professors at the intern's accredited chiropractic college, attesting to the intern's good moral character and clinical ability. The letters shall be submitted directly to the board by the professors making the recommendations; and

2. Preceptor qualifications. Preceptors in the program must meet the following qualifications:

A. The licensee's practice should have a minimum of fifty (50) patient visits, per doctor, per week;

B. Practice experience should have occurred for a minimum of three (3) years;

C. A current valid license shall be in good standing with no complaints or board actions pending;

D. The appearance of the office must be professional;

E. Procedures should be utilized, including taking a history, utilization of physical examinations and diagnostic procedures where indicated;

F. Current valid malpractice insurance shall be in place;

G. The preceptor must be approved by the intern's college and subject to the board's approval. The board shall have the right to refuse to allow, or withdraw its approval for, any licensee to act as a preceptor at any time; and

H. The preceptor must be a faculty member or extension faculty member of an authorized chiropractic college; and

(C) There shall be no more than one (1) intern per preceptor at any given time.

(4) A preceptor who is an extension faculty member may delegate duties within the scope of his/her license to an intern in accordance with these regulations. A preceptor may per-

mit an intern to perform duties as a part of a clinical program, subject to the following conditions:

(A) The preceptor shall maintain direct supervision of the intern at all times; and

(B) The clinical training program shall be governed by a written agreement between the intern's college and the preceptor which—

1. Has been approved by the board;

2. Describes the specific program;

3. Enumerates the functions the intern may perform;

4. Indicates the legal responsibilities assumed by the intern's college; and

5. Enumerates the functions, responsibilities and duties of the preceptor.

(5) All approved colleges will be responsible for keeping and supplying the board with all records necessary for the implementation of this program.

(6) No program shall be considered as having been approved by the board until a written statement of the board approval has been signed by the executive director of the board and has been received by the college.

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