



FIFTH MEETING OF THE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

24 FEBRUARY 2010

The fifth meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia was held on 24 February 2010 at the Hilton Melbourne Airport. The Board is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*.

As in previous meetings, in its fifth meeting the Board focused on the matters it had to resolve to enable the scheme to commence on 1 July 2010. The Board gave further consideration to matters of budget in order that the Board's first Health Profession Agreement can be prepared.

The Board noted progress with implementation of the new national scheme. The Board is making good progress against its work plan and is confident of a smooth transition to National Registration on 1 July. All State and Territory registered practitioners will receive more detailed information on the National Scheme in the next few months.

The Board noted feedback from the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme sub-committee regarding its proposals to Ministerial Council. The Board agreed to make minor editorial amendments to its proposals which do not affect the content of the proposals however ensure consistency with the National Law. The amended proposals will be re-submitted to Ministerial Council for final approval and posted on the Board's website shortly.

The Board agreed to the following proposed common codes and guidelines on:

- Mandatory Notifications
- Advertising
- Conduct

The Board also agreed to the following proposed profession-specific codes and guidelines on:

- Professional Practice
- Continuing Professional Development

As agreed at a previous meeting the proposed codes and guidelines will be released for public consultation in early March 2010 with the consultation period ending after one month. The documents for consultation will be posted on the Board website should you wish to review them and provide feedback to the Board.

The Board considered a number of other administrative and financial matters, including proposed registration application forms and proposed delegation of functions to committees and agency staff.

The Board's next meeting will be held in Hobart to coincide with the Australian Council of Chiropractic Registration Boards' National Meeting and the Council of Chiropractic Education Australasia's annual meeting. This will be a valuable opportunity for members of the Board to engage with State and Territory Board members and the members of the Accreditation Council and obtain feedback on matters related to the transition into the National Scheme.

The Board once again acknowledged the continuing efforts of existing State and Territory boards in preparing for implementation of the National Scheme, as well as accrediting bodies, AHPRA and the National Registration and Accreditation Implementation Project team. The Board looks forward to continued joint effort in coming months.

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