

# CA NEWSLETTER

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## C.A. RENEWALS COMING—GET READY!

The biennial renewal (2011-2013) for all registered C.A.s is currently being conducted online. The online renewal portal opened on February 10th. Every CA should have already received a reminder postcard and a multi-sheet detailed summary of online renewal procedures. The renewal online database portal can be accessed from our website at [www.mdchiro.org](http://www.mdchiro.org). The following general guidelines apply:

- **TIMELINE:** Renewal online portal opened February 10th and will be opened until March 31st. All renewals must be done online unless specifically exempted by the Board via written petition. **ALL RENEWALS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 31, 2011.**
- **FEES:** Active CA Fee is \$250.00; Late Fee is \$200.00 additional.
- **PROCEDURES:** All renewals are online through the renewal database portal on [www.mdchiro.org](http://www.mdchiro.org). Payment is with Visa or MasterCard. If you do not have a personal credit card, you may purchase one for the amount of the renewal at most major department and drug stores.
- **CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Remember, all active renewal applicants must complete at least ten (10) hours of Board approved continuing education to renew. These 10 hours must all be satisfactorily completed prior to March 31st, 2011 and the Applicant must have legible copies of completion certificates in the event you are audited. The Board does spot audits to insure C.A.s meet this requirement. (Applicants who received their registration after March 31, 2010 do NOT have to meet the continuing education requirement).
- **AVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Remember, all continuing education must be prior approved by the Board. Online, home-study and live courses are acceptable as long as they are pre-approved by the Board. Retroactive approval is not permitted. If you have any questions regarding continuing education, please feel free to contact the Executive Director, Mr. Vallone at 410.764-4726.
- **NO REGISTRATION—NO WORK!** Remember you MUST have a new registration in hand to continue working as a C.A. Accordingly, it is wise to renew early to insure timely processing. If your current registration expires, you may NOT work unless/until you receive the new one for the 2011-2013 biennial period.
- **QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS:** For general questions about the process or about CEUs, call Mr. Vallone at 410-764-5985. For technical problems with accessing or processing your online renewal, call Ms. Congo at 410-764-2965.

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6/30/2014

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)



- **Q—Can a massage therapist or nurse work as a C.A. without the C.A. education and registration?**
- A—NO, an individual must satisfactorily complete the full C.A. course of instruction and on-the-job clinical training program and be issued an official registration by the Board of Examiners. The only exception are instances where the Board sometimes waives some of the didactic coursework for healthcare practitioners who previously completed the subjects under study for another license or registration.
  
- **Q—If the sole Supervising Chiropractor physically leaves the practice building, may the on-duty C.A. continue to perform C.A. duties if the Supervising Chiropractor leaves detailed instructions?**
- A—NO, a Supervising Chiropractor may not use C.A.s unless he/she is within the treatment area—this has been interpreted as meaning within the 4-walls of the practice. If he/she leaves the building, all C.A. duties must immediately cease unless a substitute, certified Supervising Chiropractor is put in charge and all C.A.s know that the substitution has been made.
  
- **Q—May a C.A. practice on animals?**
- A—NO, a C.A. may not practice on animals. C.A. scope of practice is limited solely and exclusively to human beings. Violators will subject their registration to sanctions. Additionally, such practice on animals is considered practicing veterinary without a license—a criminal offense.
  
- **Q—May a C.A. use on-line continuing education courses to fulfill his/her renewal requirements?**
- A—YES, a C.A. may use both live or on-line C.A. continuing education courses provided that the course(s) or program(s) are approved in advance by the MD Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Usually, most courses approved for chiropractors would be concurrently approved for C.A.s. However, to insure credit for any courses, it is prudent to first check with the Board at 410.764-4726.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the Board of Examiners, I take this time to wish each and every registered C.A. a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. As we swing into 2007, there are a few things worth stressing. Perhaps the most significant thing is '*PROFESSIONALISM.*' Each one of you are registered healthcare practitioners. Your registration was earned with difficulty and hard work—don't put it in jeopardy. When you practice as a C.A., the Board expects you to act professionally, responsibly, honestly and with dignity towards each and every patient. It is incumbent on each and every registrant holder to meet the challenge of professional care and to insure that you give each patient the attention he/she deserves.

A significant aspect of professionalism is to responsibly cooperate with the Board in insuring that each practice is fully complying with the laws and regulations of the Board and the State. In this regard, it is incumbent on you not to become engaged in any unethical, unprofessional or illegal act or conduct—even if so encouraged by your Supervising Chiropractor or another C.A. It is your duty to promptly notify the Board of any inappropriate or illegal conduct. If, at any time, you have a question, please don't hesitate to call me at 410.764-4726.

**Regards—J. J. Vallone, J.D., Executive Director**

## **BOARD DISCIPLINARY FORMAL ORDERS**

(Formal public Board Orders resulting from Hearings or Consent Orders)

**ANDREW CHOI, D.C., Jan 13, 2011:** Using unregistered assistants, improper advertising, violation of regulations: **\$2500 fine; take/pass Disciplinary Jurisprudence Exam & Supervising Chiropractor Exam, register trade name with Board.**

**ALI AHADPOUR, D.C. OCT 14, 2010:** Continuation of license suspension based on previous summary suspension issued on April 2, 2003. **Show Cause Hearing determined that suspension continued until formal hearing is held and the board renders final determination.**

**AESON SCHICK, RMP, NOV 10, 2010:** Violation of H.O. Code 3-5A-11: Convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude/mistreatment of patient/client under her care. **\$500.00 fine, take/pass ethics course, take/pass anger management course, take/pass disciplinary jurisprudence exam.**

**DANIELE CHEN, MST APPLICANT, NOV 8, 2010:** **Application denied based on criminal conduct involving moral turpitude.**

**NINA SHOWAN, D.C., NOV 3, 2010:** Using unregistered assistants; committing acts of unprofessional conduct: **2 Year Probation, \$2,000. fine, Reimbursement of \$1,294. hearing costs, take/pass disciplinary jurisprudence exam, take/pass supervising chiropractor exam.**

**WILLIAM OSBORNE, D.C., OCT. 20, 2010:** **Voluntary surrender of license; reinstatement only upon passing 1 year period and: take/pass course in business management; submit documentation of continuing education; submit verification from State Comptroller of satisfaction of tax liability; successfully pass an evaluation by a board approved physician evaluation to attest to physical and mental capacity to practice**

**MEGAN WATERS, MST APPLICANT OCT 27, 2010:** Practicing without registration: **\$500. fine, 1 year probation, take/pass ethics course, 1 year, suspension for 8 months (4 MONTHS STAYED & does not take effect until registration is issued).**

**IRINA LE CHEMINANT, LMT, OCT 25, 2010:** Condoning employment of unlicensed/unregistered practitioners/violation, unprofessional conduct, violation of regulations, fraudulent use of license: **LICENSE REVOKED**

**BRIAN SEYMORE, D.C., OCT 13, 2010:** Using unlicensed individual to practice chiropractic, using unregistered individual as a CA, failure to comply with trade name requirements, various violations of regulations: **formal reprimand, take/pass disciplinary jurisprudence and supervising chiropractor exams, \$5,000 fine, take/pass ethics course.**

**DEBORAH SMITH, LMT, OCT 14, 2010:** Using unregistered individuals as massage therapist: **\$1,000 fine, take/pass ethics and jurisprudence examinations.**

**JOYCE WANG, RMP, SEPT 23, 2010:** Engaging in illicit vice activities under cover of her registration: **REGISTRATION REVOKED.**

**JEFFREY COHEN, D.C., SEPT 15, 2010:** Practicing without renewed license: **\$5,000 fine, 2 years probation.**

**DAVID ALLEN MST APPLICANT: SEPT 13, 2010:** False responses on application: **APPLICATION DENIED.**

**AL TIN WIN, RMP: SEPT 10, 2010:** Practicing outside of massage scope, therapeutic deception, boundary violations, inappropriate conduct: **REGISTRATION REVOKED, \$5,000 fine.**

**CHRISTINA ASHENFELTER, CA APPLICANT AUG 18, 2010:** False statements on application: **APPLICATION DENIED.**

**SETH GRAY, DC APPLICANT, AUG 8, 2010:** Practicing in MD (with Dr Brian Seymore) without a MD license: **APPLICATION DENIED; Respondent appeals final Order of Denial, requesting a Formal Hearing.**

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Address Label Here

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

**(Submitted every time you change your mailing address—Failure to notify Board is a \$100.00 penalty)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, submit that my official mailing address if \_\_\_\_\_.

The change was/is effective on \_\_\_\_\_; New phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**C.A. Signature**

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