



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

**18 VAC 85-20 – Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine,
Podiatry and Chiropractic**
Department of Health Professions
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Medicine (board) proposes to clarify that Type 1 (verifiable) hours of chiropractic continuing education must be clinical hours which are approved by a college or university accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or any other organization approved by the board.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

In order to renew a Virginia chiropractor's license, individuals must complete at least 60 hours of continuing learning activities within the two years immediately preceding renewal. A minimum of 30 of the 60 hours shall be in Type 1 activities or courses offered by an accredited sponsor or organization sanctioned by the profession. The current regulations require that the Type 1 hours in chiropractic "be accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or any other organization approved by the board." According to the Department of Health Professions the Council on Chiropractic Education does not "accredit" continuing education; it accredits the colleges or universities that offer educational activities or courses in chiropractic. In order to better reflect the actual requirement in practice, the board proposes to amend the regulatory language to state that the Type 1 hours in chiropractic "*be clinical hours which are approved by a college or university* accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education or any other organization approved by the board." This will not significantly change what occurs in practice, but may produce a small benefit in that it may reduce confusion for readers of the regulation.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments affect 1,480 chiropractors with active licenses.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations affect all Virginia localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments will not affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments will not significantly affect the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect small businesses.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a

description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.