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To whom it may concern,

As a practicing chiropractor in Pennsylvania for the past 21 years, it has come to my attention that the means in which licensed chiropractors in this state are able to obtain their continuing education credits is proposed to change.

I implore the board to maintain the chiropractor's ability to take all 24 required hours in an asynchronous online matter as they have allowed for more than a decade. This system is not only convenient and cost effective, but it enables a learner access to hundreds of different and interesting topics and materials that would otherwise be inaccessible and therefore, unlearned.

Obviously, the objective of requiring continuing education credits is to ensure that one continues his or her education. I personally am tired of going to uninteresting or repeat seminars simply because it is the least expensive or closest seminar around that offers CE credits. I enjoy the ability to pick a course based on the material being taught; relevant material to my practice. By utilizing asynchronous online materials, I am able to pick and choose precisely the material that interests me and that I would enjoy bringing back to my practice, thus enhancing the quality of my patients' care.

I understand that:

1. The Pennsylvania Board of Chiropractic has allowed Chiropractors to meet ALL of their continuing education hours by asynchronous online continuing education for over 10 years
2. Medical Doctors in Pennsylvania are allowed to meet ALL of their required hours by Asynchronous Online Continuing Education
3. Almost all institutions of higher learning offer BS, MS and even PhD's via asynchronous online courses so this proposed rule change is NOT consistent with the current state of higher learning or continuing education

I hope that the rules that have governed the continuing education of chiropractors for our state remain unchanged and congruent with that of other professionals and higher learning institutions. Please do not change this very effective and approachable manner in which we, chiropractors, can achieve and maintain continuing education.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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