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FROM: Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors  
TO: Other U.S. state boards of chiropractic examiners that allow for reciprocity  
RE: *Reciprocity requirement for Massachusetts*

Massachusetts regulations 233(CMR) 2.03 describes the requirement for chiropractic licensure in our state via the process of “reciprocity”.

There is often confusion between what constitutes “licensure by reciprocity” versus “licensure by endorsement”. Reciprocity describes a two-way process where **both states have mutually agreed** to accept each other’s examination requirement for licensure based on equivalent conditions which existed at the time the individual seeking reciprocity obtained his or her license from their host state. Endorsement, on the other hand, describes a one-way process where the receiving state accepts an equivalent examination requirement which existed at the time the individual seeking reciprocity obtained his or her license from their host state, but where the host state would **not** reciprocate in kind.

To assist our fellow chiropractic state examining boards and our Massachusetts reciprocity applicants, we have developed this fact sheet. It contains two sections. First, it lists the examination requirement in Massachusetts for any given time period. And second, it provides us with the necessary documentation which confirms that your state would mutually reciprocate should a Mass. licensed chiropractor, licensed on the same date listed below, complete an application for licensure for your state via reciprocity.

<u>DATE LICENSED</u>	<u>MASSACHUSETTS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS</u>
<b>prior to Dec./69</b>	Graduate of an accredited chiropractic school or college, AND successful passage of a state-sponsored examination that included (testing in physical examination, case history, orthopedic/neurological examination, chiropractic adjustive techniques, and radiographic interpretation), AND a chiropractic state jurisprudence examination.
<b>Dec./69-Sept./87</b>	Same as above, AND completed 2-years of collegiate courses leading to a bachelors degree in liberal arts or sciences, AND successful passage of the NBCE part I & II examination.
<b>Oct./87-Sept./96</b>	Same as above, AND successful passage of the NBCE part III examination.
<b>Oct./96-Jan./99</b>	Same as above, MINUS the previously described state-sponsored examination, AND successful passage of the NBCE part IV examination.
<b>Feb./99-present</b>	Same as above, AND successful passage of the NBCE Physiotherapy examination.

ATTESTATION:

The following applicant seeking reciprocity in Massachusetts, \_\_\_\_\_ obtained their chiropractic license in your state of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (mo./year).

Therefore, the state of \_\_\_\_\_ (will) (will not) mutually reciprocate with Massachusetts via reciprocity, regarding licensing applicants in your state who have a Mass. chiropractic license, three-consecutive years of experience, and have meet the examination requirements specifically outlined above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

