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

Reciprocity Requirement for Massachusetts

The requirements for licensure by reciprocity in Massachusetts are set forth in Chapter 112, Section 92 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Board regulation at 233 CMR 2.03. An applicant seeking reciprocity must meet each of the requirements outlined in the statute and regulation in order to qualify for licensure via reciprocity in Massachusetts. The Board cannot waive any of the statutory or regulatory requirements for licensure.

The attached form addresses two of the requirements that must be met to qualify for licensure via reciprocity. First, a reciprocity applicant must submit documentation establishing that the requirements for licensure in his or her state of licensure at the time the applicant obtained their license **were substantially equivalent or exceeded the requirements** for registration in Massachusetts on that same date. For the applicant’s convenience, the attached form sets forth the specific requirements for licensure as a chiropractor in Massachusetts during each time period. Applicants for reciprocity must demonstrate, to the Board’s satisfaction, that the qualifications they were required to meet when they received their license from their current state of licensure **were equal to or exceeded** the licensing requirements in place in Massachusetts **on that same date**.

Second, the applicant must submit documentation that the applicant’s state of licensure extends similar privileges to persons licensed by the Commonwealth. This means that the laws in the applicant’s state of licensure must allow an applicant who was licensed in Massachusetts **on the same date as the reciprocity applicant** to receive a license in that state without passing any additional licensing examination, other than a state-specific jurisprudence examination. To establish that such similar privileges are afforded to Massachusetts applicants, the Board requires that the licensing board in the applicant’s state of licensure complete the attached form. If the applicant’s licensing board is not able to attest to the statement on the Reciprocity Form, the statutory requirements for licensure via reciprocity in Massachusetts are not met and the applicant may pursue licensure only by examination as set forth in 233 CMR 2.02.

This portion to be completed by Massachusetts Board or Staff after receipt of Signed Reciprocity Form from applicant’s current state of licensure:

Applicant for Reciprocity Name: _____

Were the requirements for licensure in the applicant’s state of licensure on the date the applicant obtained said license substantially equivalent to the requirement for licensure in Massachusetts on that same date?
 (See chart on page 2.) ____ YES ____ NO

Name of Board Staff Approving Requirements as Substantially Equivalent to Mass. Requirements _____ Date _____

Instructions: The bottom of this form must be signed by a representative of the applicant's current state of licensure.

RECIPROCITY FORM

DATE LICENSED

MASSACHUSETTS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

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

The following applicant seeking reciprocity in Massachusetts, _____, obtained their chiropractic license in the state of _____ in _____ (mo/year) ("Date of Licensure").

The laws of the state of _____ (do) (do not) allow a Massachusetts chiropractor licensed in Massachusetts on the same date as the reciprocity applicant (see above- referenced Date of Licensure), after satisfying the examination requirements outlined above for that date, and with at least three years of experience, to be licensed in said state without passing any additional licensing examinations, other than a state-specific jurisprudence examination.

Signed: _____

Position: _____