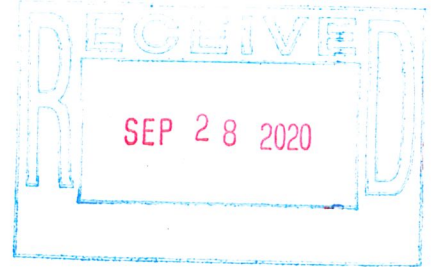




**NORTH DAKOTA
STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

September 25, 2020

North Dakota High School Athletic Association
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Valley City, ND 58072



Dear Board of Directors,

The North Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NDBCE) requests your review and feedback regarding proposed legislation to North Dakota Century Code § 43-06 Chiropractors for the upcoming 2021 legislative session.

The intent of this proposal is to add language in our chapter of the Century Code in order for the North Dakota High School Athletic Association (NDHSAA) to consider including licensed chiropractors to the list of qualified health care professionals accepted to perform Athletic Pre-Participation Health History Screening and Physical Examinations as defined in your Constitution and By-Laws Article XII.

It is our understanding that the NDHSAA has based their decision to not include licensed chiropractors on three separate North Dakota Attorney General opinions. We kindly request that the NDHSAA Board of Directors reconsider. Based on the current language in N.D.C.C. § 43-06, licensed chiropractors in North Dakota are accepted and able to perform the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration – Department of Transportation physicals. Additionally, licensed chiropractors in North Dakota are accepted to perform the Federal Aviation Administration's BasicMed medical examinations. Additionally, all neighboring states (Minnesota, South Dakota, and Montana) allow chiropractors to perform sports physicals.

The NDBCE proposes new language to N.D.C.C. § 43-06-16 Duties of a Chiropractor by renumbering the current language and adding a new sub-section that would read:

Licensed chiropractors practicing in this state may perform pre-participation health history screenings and physical examinations for student athletes.

The NDBCE is open and receptive to review and consider any suggestions the NDHSAA Board of Directors may propose.

The North Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners sincerely requests your consideration and response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Blanchard".

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