

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Valerie Payne, Executive Director on behalf of Dr. Bryan Gerondale, Chairperson		2) Date when request submitted: 3/29/2021 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting									
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Chiropractic Examining Board											
4) Meeting Date: 4/1/2021	5) Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Under Public Agenda Request – Discussion and Consideration WCA Letter on Licensure Delays for Chiropractic Professionals									
7) Place Item in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Session <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? (If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:									
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: The Wisconsin Chiropractic Association has expressed concerns and requested board discussion related to delays in licensure of chiropractic professionals.											
11) <p align="center">Authorization</p> <table border="0" style="width:100%"> <tr> <td style="width:70%"><i>Valerie Payne</i></td> <td align="right">March 29, 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signature of person making this request</td> <td align="right">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supervisor (if required)</td> <td align="right">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date</td> </tr> </table>				<i>Valerie Payne</i>	March 29, 2021	Signature of person making this request	Date	Supervisor (if required)	Date	Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date	
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Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.											



March 26, 2021

Secretary Dawn Crim
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Secretary Crim,

Thank you for your service to the State of Wisconsin and all of your hard work during the Covid 19 pandemic. We write to you to express serious concerns related to the continued delays in the licensure approvals of Doctors of Chiropractic, Chiropractic Radiological Technicians (CRTs) and Chiropractic Technicians (CTs). We can appreciate the many challenges you have faced managing the operations of DSPS during the pandemic and we are understanding of delays last year due to Covid 19. With the state turning the corner on the pandemic, we expected that credentialing delays would abate and our members would experience a return to reasonable timeframes for the approval of licenses. Unfortunately, our members continue to report excessive licensure delays that are causing business disruption, loss of compensation and limitations on patient access to care.

Here are some specific examples we wish to bring to your attention:

- Young chiropractors who recently graduated from chiropractic school with a job offer in hand (and student loan debt) are waiting up to three months to receive their chiropractic license even after they are told their application is complete.
- Experienced chiropractors coming from other states to help colleagues in Wisconsin who have been impacted by Covid cannot receive prompt licensure thus defeating the purpose of their offer of help.
- Chiropractic Technicians and Chiropractic Radiological Technicians who have completed their training and have positions in our member clinics cannot provide delegated treatment services to patients because of delays in their licensure.

There are many more examples we could provide but you get our point. The negative economic impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic in and of themselves have been challenging enough for our members to manage but delays in licensure further exacerbate the situation.

We respectfully ask that you enact immediate administrative measures within your department to expedite these license approvals to avoid further economic damage to the chiropractic profession and loss of access to care by their patients. Furthermore, we ask that you direct DSPS policy staff to work closely with the Chiropractic Examining Board to determine if there are policy obstacles contributing to these licensure delays and take action to remedy them. We suggest that the CEB develop a process whereby new chiropractors and staff could practice (with a background check and close oversight) with a temporary license until their final credential is approved.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to hearing from you and again thank you for your service to the people of Wisconsin.

Regards,

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Dr. Jason Mackey
Chair - WCA Education and Convention Committee
Managing Partner - LSM Chiropractic

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Murray', with a cursive script.

John Murray, Executive Director and CEO
Wisconsin Chiropractic Association

CC: Dr. Bryan Gerondale, Chair - CEB
Valerie Payne, DSPS
Noah Roberts, Governor's Office