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Dear FCLB member boards,

Thank you for your leadership in public protection during these trying times that surround the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you are aware, the United States Secretary of Homeland Security has authorized doctors of chiropractic as “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce” providers intended to help state, local, tribal and territorial officials to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety.

The FCLB is fully committed to providing support, communication, and information for you as your board navigates the COVID-19 crisis. We encourage our member boards to maintain communications with its licensees and promote the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health departments’ protocols related to the novel coronavirus, and respective practice acts, rules/regulations, and operational policies. Please reference our programs and continually updated COVID-19 page at our Fclb.org website. The FCLB will also provide weekly updates to be current with the rapidly evolving body of information.

We suggest your board to work with your jurisdictions to consider modifying restrictions and acceptance of online CE hours, timing of CE completion in the renewal cycle, and possibly reduced renewal fees. The unprecedented strain on the economic reality licensees find themselves in is staggering. Chiropractic is providing essential care to the existing and the acute patients while relieving some of the burden that already overwhelmed healthcare facilities are experiencing in this pandemic.
FCLB is prepared to assist our member boards with multiple services designed to ease administrative burdens. These services are especially important at this time.

Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE) protects the public by offering quality CE, helps D.C.s connect with scientifically sound, reliable education and effectively helps chiropractors remain current with their continuing education. At this time, some of the FCLB PACE providers are offering CE credits pertaining to COVID-19 to licensees in jurisdictions that accept PACE.

Again, thank you for all you do on your state boards to provide guidance and leadership in public protection. We are here to help.

Sincerely,
FCLB COVID-19 Committee

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