

Secretary of Education Denies Renewal of SCASA Accreditation

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Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander, in a letter dated September 4th to DCs Leroy Moore, executive director of SCASA and Ralph Boone, president of SCASA, has denied SCASA's petition for renewal of recognition "as an accrediting agency for the accreditation and preaccreditation of postsecondary schools and programs of straight chiropractic education."

Lamar Alexander stated: "... taken as a whole, SCASA has failed to demonstrate that it is a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training at schools within its scope of operation."

To protect students already enrolled in SCASA-affiliated schools, the secretary maintained: "Accordingly, effective immediately, SCASA accreditation or candidate status is recognized by the United States Department of Education solely with respect to the current accreditation status of three schools discussed in this opinion -- Southern California College of Chiropractic, Pennsylvania College of Straight Chiropractic, and Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. That limited recognition will entirely expire as of June 4, 1993.

Be watching for the October 9 issue of "DC" for a detailed report of the secretary's decision and its impact.

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