

Chiropractic Officially Recognized in Jamaica

Allow me the privilege of bringing you up to date with the status of chiropractic medicine in Jamaica.

The Jamaica Chiropractic Association is pleased to announce the recognition and regulation of chiropractic in the country of Jamaica, W.I., effective April 29, 2003.

The Ministry of Health has informed our association that the interest of chiropractors and the public will be accommodated through adequate representation on the Board of Professions Supplementary to Medicine.

This recognition will afford the profession the climate to expand and regulate the quality of chiropractic.

At present, there are five doctors of chiropractic who are all graduates of U.S. colleges.

Kindly note the attached excerpt from the declaration by the Jamaica Ministry of Health.

Sincerely,

Earle DeC Bryan, DC, MD
Chairman, Jamaica
Chiropractic Association
earledcb@verizon.net

Ministry of Health
Oceana Building, 2-4 Kings Street
Kingston, Jamaica
Tel: 967-1092/4/1100/1/3/5/7/10/12
Fax: 987-1303

2003 April 29th
Mrs. Doreen Brown
Executive Director
The Jamaica Chiropractic Association
10 Ixora Close, Box 205
Kingston 8
Dear Mrs. Brown,

The Ministry has determined that the practice of Chiropractic will be regulated under the Legal regime of the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act. Under that Act, new and emerging professions can be incorporated and provisions added thereto to satisfy the unique requirements of each profession. This approach will be less time consuming than that of promulgating a separate Act to govern your professional group. It eliminates the expenditure necessary to establish and maintain another fully functional bureaucracy, yet it provides the legal framework for the effective regulation of your professional group in a manner similar to those now practicing under the regime of that Act.

It is the intent to commence the necessary activities during this Legislative Year.

The Ministry will ensure that the interests of chiropractors are accommodated through adequate representation on the Board of the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Council. This and other details will be communicated to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Grace Allen-Young
Permanent Secretary

C Hon Minister of Health
Chief Medical Officer

AUGUST 2003