

Doctors of Chiropractic or Chiropractic Physicians

In December 2009 the Health and Safety Support Committee revised the BSA annual health and medical record. As of January 1, 2010, this new BSA health record will take effect. The new form will require physical examinations to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider which includes a physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. This does not include doctors of chiropractic or chiropractic physicians.

The health and safety of our youth participants is our top priority. The BSA's standards do not serve as a commentary on the quality of healthcare provided by those in chiropractic medicine but were designed to ensure all those providing medical examinations have the training to address all of the BSA's high risk factors; give immunizations when necessary; and prescribe medication when needed to assure a safe Scouting experience. Unfortunately, doctors of chiropractic or chiropractic physicians are not uniformly able to provide these services.

While the BSA realizes this policy affects many of our youth and adult members - those who make the Scouting movement what it is - we appreciate their understanding as we work to achieve the most comprehensive health and safety requirements. We appreciate the cooperation of all our members to make Scouting as exciting and safe as possible.

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