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Subject: Member Consultation - Proposed Changes to the College's Registration Regulation

Dear Member,

In April 2022, the Ontario Government enacted Bill 106, the Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022 to improve health resource planning in emergency situations. Among other changes, the Act requires all of Ontario's health regulatory Colleges to develop a new emergency class certificate of registration, with the aim of reducing barriers for new applicants in emergency situations (e.g., in response to a new pandemic).

The College of Chiropodists of Ontario has drafted regulation amendments, which would create a new emergency class certificate of registration. There are specific requirements that individuals must fulfill in order to be eligible for an emergency class of licensure. Importantly for patients, chiropodists or podiatrist licensed under this class will be required to practice under the supervision of a COCOO member who holds a general certificate of registration and who has been approved by the Registrar to supervise a member in the emergency class.

All colleges must submit proposed changes to their registration regulations to the Ontario Ministry of Health by May 1, 2023 with the goal of having the changes in place by August 31, 2023. Before submitting any changes to a regulation, the College must circulate the proposed changes for 60 days. The proposed regulation amendment is not anticipated to result in increased administrative costs to members and/or businesses as it creates additional pathways for new health professionals to begin practicing their profession in Ontario.

The proposed changes to the College's Registration Regulation can be viewed on the College's website by following this link - (https://cocoo.on.ca/members/current-consultations/)

The College's existing Registration Regulation is available here: https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/930830

Please email your feedback on the proposed changes by April 11, 2023 to info@cocoo.on.ca.

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