



October 10, 2019

TO: ALL ACUPUNCTURISTS REGISTERED UNDER THE HEALTH DISCIPLINES ACT

Renewal of Registration for 2020

- Section 24 (1) of the *Health Disciplines Act* requires that all registered acupuncturists apply each year for renewal of their registration in order to maintain their registered status. Section 5 of the *Acupuncture Regulation* stipulates that January 1st of each year is the date by which acupuncturists must renew their registration. This means that all acupuncturists currently registered under the *Health Disciplines Act* shall submit their applications for renewal of their registration by December 31, 2019. Based on the stamp date on the envelope, applications mailed after January 1, 2020 are subject to a late fee of \$400.00.
- Section 4 of the *Acupuncture Regulation* sets the standards for the level of competence practitioners are expected to maintain in order to be eligible for registration renewal. A practitioner is required under the Regulation to have worked as an acupuncturist for 1360 hours and to have completed 50 hours of educational programs in the previous two years. Consideration is also given to whether competency has been maintained across the full range of acupuncture services. Enclosed is a copy of the CEU reporting form for your use.

Applications not meeting the requirements for renewal will be forwarded to Registration Committee for review.

Standards of Practice – Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse/Misconduct

Along with your renewal forms you will find an insert for the Standards of Practice – Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse/Misconduct. The CAAA developed these standards in correlation with **Bill 21 – An Act to Protect Patients**. Please read, sign and return the insert with your renewal package to the CAAA office. This document is also available on our website at <http://acupuncturealberta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CAAA-Standards-of-Practice-Sexual-AbuseV2.pdf>

Insurance

The CAAA is a third party representative and we are required to submit member information to Vezina Assurances Inc. before a certain date. To ensure all members receive their policies in a timely manner we are asking that any members who send their renewal packages in after January 31, 2020 provide their own proof of insurance. CAAA will not renew policies after this date.

Sincerely,

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President, CAAA

Paul Hu

Registrar, CAAA

Enclosures: 2019 Registration Renewal Form
CEU Reporting Form
Standards of Practice – Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse/Misconduct