



AGENDA ITEM 7.1

TOPIC: Further Information Related to the Proposed Regulatory Exemption for the Performance of Acupuncture

Overview

On November 12, 2024, Transition Council reviewed two separate proposed regulatory exemptions – one for chiropractors and one for persons providing animal rehabilitation.

During this review and discussion, Transition Council raised additional questions related to the reasoning and risk analysis behind these proposed recommendations including considerations related to additional training requirements in performing acupuncture on animals.

Additional information was gathered based on this feedback and presented to Transition Council on December 5, 2024, for its consideration.

A fulsome discussion ensued, and Transition Council reached general consensus to proceed with the development of a regulatory concept including a proposed regulatory exemption for chiropractors. This consensus also included not developing a proposed regulatory exemption for persons providing animal rehabilitation. Transition Council included a request for more information related to any species-specific requirements that may need to be considered.

Additional Information Gathered Since December 5, 2024

Current Considerations

To assist with Transition Council's request for more information on any species-specific requirements that may need to be considered, the College has reviewed available education opportunities for chiropractors. It was found that courses offered by the Veterinary Chiropractic Learning Centre (VCLC) focus on canine and equine acupuncture. Both courses have similar requirements including minimum hours of human acupuncture training and animal chiropractic training and include species-specific safety as well as indications and contraindications information.

COVER SHEET
Transition Council Meeting
January 29, 2025



Discussion

Transition Council is asked to review this additional information and to provide its guidance related to what, if any, limitations are needed in the regulatory concept for chiropractors and the performance of animal acupuncture. Such limitation could specify that acupuncture performed by chiropractors is intended for canine and equine species only.