



## THE EXAMINING BOARD OF NATURAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS

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### **RE: Acupuncture Regulations - "Bill 50" and Naturopathy & Homeopathy Regulations – "Bill 171"**

#### **BRANCHES:**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Recognition,  
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Natural Medicine

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Dear EBNMP Ontario Members in Good Standing,

You may be aware that Bill 50 governing Acupuncture in the Province of Ontario and Bill 171 governing Naturopathy and Homeopathy have received royal assent. More information on these bills are available on our website [www.ebnmp.com/resources.htm](http://www.ebnmp.com/resources.htm).

- "Bill 50" was passed December 16, 2006. If you are an RAP<sup>®</sup> (*Registered Acupuncture Practitioner*), you can become licensed under the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario and continue to bill for Acupuncture services.
- "Bill 171" was passed on June 4, 2007. DNM<sup>®</sup>s are not regulated under this bill however we share a Scope of Practice with professions that are regulated, therefore DNM<sup>®</sup>s are able to practice unhindered as long as you do not hold yourselves to be Naturopathic Doctors or Homeopaths.

The effect of these Bills and your ability to practice or receive insurance reimbursement is hereby defined.

- The RHPA (*Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*) currently prohibits the use of the title "doctor" in the course of providing or offering to provide health care unless the person is a member of:
  - The College of Chiropractors of Ontario;
  - The College of Optometrists of Ontario;
  - The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario;
  - The College of Psychologists of Ontario; or
  - The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario.

According to these regulations, HPRAC (*Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council*) has stipulated that any person not belonging to one of the above mentioned Colleges may not use the title "Doctor". This includes EBNMP members with the "Doctor of Natural Medicine" title. As of June 4, 2007, when "Bill 171" was passed, all EBNMP members residing within Ontario must now refer to themselves as a DNM<sup>®</sup> holding the trademarked title of "Doctorate of Natural Medicine<sup>®</sup>".

As we share a similar Scope of Practice with professionals regulated under "Bill 171", we are able to continue to practice under the title DNM<sup>®</sup> and bill for our services.

The Honorable Minister of Health, through HPRAC, has recommended that the EBNMP consult with the new Colleges of Naturopathy and Homeopathy in regards to the regulation development process of "Bill 171".

Furthermore, the Honorable Minister of Health requested that the EBNMP Canada make formal presentation on the position of the DNM<sup>®</sup> Scope of Practice. We have repositioned the organization and have made full submissions as per his request and are currently awaiting a favorable response from HPRAC.

Please remember that the DNM<sup>®</sup>, RAP<sup>®</sup>, RNP<sup>®</sup>, RLMP<sup>®</sup> and RNMP<sup>®</sup> titles are solely owned by EBNMP Canada and failure to keep yourself as a "Member in Good Standing" jeopardizes your investment and your position in the registry of the EBNMP Canada.

We thank you for your patronage and confidence in EBNMP Canada and will keep you apprised of our endeavors.

Regards,

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