

Part 6

Scope of Practice - Division Regulation

58-73-601 Scope of practice for a chiropractic physician.

- (1) A chiropractic physician licensed under this chapter may engage in the practice of chiropractic as defined in Section 58-73-102 in accordance with the following standards.
- (2) A chiropractic physician may:
 - (a) examine, diagnose, and treat only within the scope of chiropractic as described in this Subsection (2);
 - (b)
 - (i) use x-ray for diagnostic purposes only; and
 - (ii) order, for diagnostic purposes only:
 - (A) ultrasound;
 - (B) magnetic resonance imaging; and
 - (C) computerized tomography;
 - (c) administer:
 - (i) physical agents, including light, heat, cold, water, air, sound, compression, electricity, and electromagnetic radiation except gamma radiation; and
 - (ii) physical activities and devices, including:
 - (A) exercise with and without devices;
 - (B) joint mobilization;
 - (C) mechanical stimulation;
 - (D) postural drainage;
 - (E) traction;
 - (F) positioning;
 - (G) wound debridement, cleansing, and dressing changes;
 - (H) splinting;
 - (I) training in locomotion and other functional activities with and without assistance devices; and
 - (J) correction of posture, body mechanics, and gait;
 - (d) administer the following topically applied medicinal agents, including steroids, anesthetics, coolants, and analgesics for wound care and for musculoskeletal treatment, including their use by iontophoresis or phonophoresis;
 - (e) treat pain incident to major or minor surgery, cancer, obstetrics, or x-ray therapy;
 - (f) utilize immobilizing appliances, casts, and supports for support purposes, but may not set displaced bone fractures;
 - (g) inform the patient of possible side effects of medication and recommend referral to the prescribing practitioner;
 - (h) provide instruction in the use of physical measures, activities, and devices for preventive and therapeutic purposes;
 - (i) provide consulting, educational, and other advisory services for the purposes of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunctions, bodily malfunction, and pain;
 - (j) treat a human being to assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain resulting from disorders, congenital and aging conditions, injury, and disease; and
 - (k) administer, interpret, and evaluate tests.

- (3) A chiropractic physician may not:
 - (a) perform incisive surgery;
 - (b) administer drugs or medicines for which an authorized prescription is required by law except as provided in Subsection (2)(d);
 - (c) treat cancer;
 - (d) practice obstetrics;
 - (e) prescribe or administer x-ray therapy; or
 - (f) set displaced fractures.
- (4) A chiropractic physician shall assume responsibility for the chiropractic physician's examinations, diagnoses, and treatment.
- (5) Nothing in this section authorizes a chiropractic physician to prescribe, possess for dispensing, dispense, purchase without a prescription written by a licensed and authorized practitioner, or administer, except under Subsection (2)(d), a drug requiring a prescription to dispense, under Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act, or Chapter 37, Controlled Substances.
- (6) Only primary health care providers licensed under this title as osteopathic physicians, physicians and surgeons, naturopaths, and chiropractic physicians, may diagnose, adjust, manipulate, or therapeutically position the articulation of the spinal column to the extent permitted by their scopes of practice.

Amended by Chapter 64, 2026 General Session

58-73-602 Division regulation -- Quality of care -- Complaints.

- (1) To enable the division and the board to license applicants for licensure and regulate individuals licensed under this chapter, the division and board shall endeavor to obtain information concerning the quality and adequacy of chiropractic care rendered to patients.
- (2) Chiropractic physicians licensed under this chapter shall furnish information requested by the division on recommendation of the board.
- (3)
 - (a) The board shall designate committees composed of chiropractic physicians licensed by this state to advise the division and the board regarding the quality and adequacy of chiropractic care rendered to patients by chiropractic physicians licensed under this chapter and to recommend the division initiate investigations on chiropractic physicians who may be acting in violation of this chapter.
 - (b) If it appears to the committee there is reasonable cause to believe that a chiropractic physician licensed under this chapter has failed to provide adequate chiropractic care to patients, a complaint shall be made to the division outlining the statement of reasonable cause.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 253, 1996 General Session

58-73-603 Consumer access to provider charges.

Beginning January 1, 2011, a chiropractic physician licensed under this chapter shall, when requested by a consumer:

- (1) make a list of professional charges available for the consumer which includes the chiropractic physician's 25 most frequently performed:
 - (a) clinical procedures or clinical services;
 - (b) out-patient procedures; and
 - (c) in-patient procedures; and

- (2) provide the consumer with information regarding any discount available for:
 - (a) services not covered by insurance; or
 - (b) prompt payment of billed charges.

Enacted by Chapter 68, 2010 General Session