

1 **CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers**

6 House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies provisions regarding chiropractic physicians.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ► modifies the services that a chiropractic physician may provide to a patient.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 None

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 AMENDS:

19 **58-73-601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 280

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

21 Section 1. Section **58-73-601** is amended to read:

22 **58-73-601. Scope of practice for a chiropractic physician.**

23 (1) A chiropractic physician licensed under this chapter may engage in the practice of  
24 chiropractic as defined in Section **58-73-102** in accordance with the following standards.

25 (2) A chiropractic physician may:



28 (a) examine, diagnose, and treat only within the scope of chiropractic as described in  
29 this Subsection (2);

30 (b) order diagnostic evaluations, laboratory tests, imaging studies, and functional  
31 evaluation procedures;

32 [~~(b)~~] (c) use x-ray for diagnostic purposes only;

33 [~~(c)~~] (d) administer:

34 (i) physical agents, including light, heat, cold, water, air, sound, compression,  
35 electricity, and electromagnetic radiation except gamma radiation; and

36 (ii) physical activities and devices, including:

37 (A) exercise with and without devices;

38 (B) joint mobilization;

39 (C) mechanical stimulation;

40 (D) postural drainage;

41 (E) traction;

42 (F) positioning;

43 (G) wound debridement, cleansing, and dressing changes;

44 (H) splinting;

45 (I) training in locomotion and other functional activities with and without assistance  
46 devices; and

47 (J) correction of posture, body mechanics, and gait;

48 [~~(d)~~] (e) administer the following topically applied medicinal agents, including  
49 steroids, anesthetics, coolants, and analgesics for wound care and for musculoskeletal  
50 treatment, including their use by iontophoresis or phonophoresis;

51 (f) possess, administer, and prescribe substances of natural origin, including:

52 (i) vitamins;

53 (ii) minerals;

54 (iii) amino acids;

55 (iv) enzymes;

56 (v) antioxidants;

57 (vi) cellular components or extracts;

58 (vii) botanicals;

- 59            (viii) phytonutrients; and
- 60            (ix) substances listed in a nationally or generally recognized compendium of
- 61 homeopathic drugs;
- 62            ~~(f)~~ (g) treat pain incident to major or minor surgery, cancer, obstetrics, or x-ray
- 63 therapy;
- 64            ~~(f)~~ (h) utilize, prescribe, and dispense any durable medical equipment, orthotics,
- 65 braces, rehabilitative appliances, immobilizing appliances, casts, and supports for support
- 66 purposes, but may not set displaced bone fractures;
- 67            ~~(g)~~ (i) inform the patient of possible side effects of medication and recommend
- 68 referral to the prescribing practitioner;
- 69            ~~(h)~~ (j) provide instruction in the use of physical measures, activities, and devices for
- 70 preventive and therapeutic purposes;
- 71            ~~(i)~~ (k) provide consulting, educational, and other advisory services for the purposes of
- 72 reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunctions, bodily
- 73 malfunction, and pain;
- 74            ~~(j)~~ (l) treat a human being to assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical
- 75 disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain resulting from disorders,
- 76 congenital and aging conditions, injury, and disease; and
- 77            ~~(k)~~ (m) administer, interpret, and evaluate tests.
- 78            (3) A chiropractic physician may not:
- 79            (a) perform incisive surgery;
- 80            (b) administer drugs or medicines for which an authorized prescription is required by
- 81 law except as provided in ~~[Subsection]~~ Subsections (2)~~(d)~~(e) and (f);
- 82            (c) treat cancer;
- 83            (d) practice obstetrics;
- 84            (e) prescribe or administer x-ray therapy; or
- 85            (f) set displaced fractures.
- 86            (4) A chiropractic physician shall assume responsibility for his examinations,
- 87 diagnoses, and treatment.
- 88            (5) Nothing in this section authorizes a chiropractic physician to prescribe, possess for
- 89 dispensing, dispense, purchase without a prescription written by a licensed and authorized

90 practitioner, or administer, except under ~~[Subsection]~~ Subsections (2)(e) and (f), a drug  
91 requiring a prescription to dispense, under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances  
92 Act, or Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act.

93 (6) Only primary health care providers licensed under this title as osteopathic  
94 physicians, physicians and surgeons, naturopaths, and chiropractic physicians, may diagnose,  
95 adjust, manipulate, or therapeutically position the articulation of the spinal column to the extent  
96 permitted by their scopes of practice.

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