

2500.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this part have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Accredited school.** "Accredited school" means a school of chiropractic which has been approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education or fully accredited by an agency approved by the United States Office of Education or its successor as of January 1, 1988.

Subp. 3. **Acupuncture.** "Acupuncture" means a modality of treating abnormal physical conditions by stimulating various points of the body or interruption of the cutaneous integrity by needle insertion to secure a reflex relief of the symptoms by nerve stimulation as utilized as an adjunct to chiropractic adjustment.

Subp. 3a. MR 1997 [Obsolete, MS s 14.47, subd. 6, paragraph (b)]

Subp. 3b. **Board.** "Board" means the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Subp. 4. **Certification of good standing.** "Certification of good standing" means the issuance of an official notice from another state certifying the licensee has no pending or final disciplinary action.

Subp. 4a. **Continuing education unit.** "Continuing education unit" means one 50-minute session that qualifies under part 2500.1500 or 2500.1550 as an approved program.

Subp. 4b. **Diagnosis.** "Diagnosis" means the physical, clinical, and laboratory examination of the patient, and the use of X-ray for diagnostic purposes within the scope of practice described in Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.01 to 148.10.

Subp. 5. **Direct patient care.** "Direct patient care" means primary chiropractic care given to an individual who has sought such care from a doctor of chiropractic.

Subp. 5a. [Renumbered Subp. 5b]

Subp. 5a. **Extern.** "Extern" means a graduate of a board-approved chiropractic college who does not hold a current Minnesota license, and who assists in the care of patients under the authority of the graduate preceptorship program. This definition does not apply to a person providing appropriately supervised care provided during a course of training provided by an accredited chiropractic college or care provided pursuant to the exceptions granted in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.105, subdivision 2.

Subp. 5b. **Good standing.** "Good standing" means any license which is not the subject of current disciplinary action as identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.10, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4. The pendency of a complaint shall not cause a license to lose good standing unless and until the complaint results in disciplinary action under Minnesota

Statutes, section 148.10 or pursuant to a stipulation and order. A license shall be restored to good standing upon the satisfactory completion, expiration, or other agreed upon termination of all terms of a stipulation and order. An agreement for corrective action as described under Minnesota Statutes, section 214.103, subdivision 6, shall not cause a license to lose good standing.

Subp. 6. **Inactive license.** "Inactive license" means a restricted license that allows the licensee to maintain a license but does not allow the licensee to actively practice in Minnesota.

Subp. 7. **Independent examination.** "Independent examination" means a physical examination of a patient or a review of records by a doctor of chiropractic, for the purpose of generating a report or opinion to aid a reparation obligor under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 65B, in making a determination regarding the condition or further treatment of the patient.

Subp. 7a. MR 1997 [Obsolete, MS s 14.47, subd. 6, paragraph (b)]

Subp. 8. **Instructor.** "Instructor" means a full-time faculty member of an accredited school who is duly licensed in the state of Minnesota, and has attained a status of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor. An instructor does not include adjunct faculty, postgraduate faculty, or part-time faculty.

Subp. 8a. [Renumbered Subp. 5a]

Subp. 9. **Invasive.** "Invasive" means instrumental penetration of the viscera or nonsuperficial tissues of the body, specifically excluding acupuncture.

Subp. 9a. **License.** "License" means a license issued by the board to practice chiropractic including an original license or renewal license.

Subp. 9b. **Practice of chiropractic.** "Practice of chiropractic" includes the examination, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment by chiropractic methods, or the rendering of opinions pertaining to those methods, for the purposes of determining a course of action in the best interests of the patient, such as a treatment plan or appropriate referral, or both. The methods may include those procedures preparatory or complementary to a chiropractic adjustment or other normal chiropractic regimen and rehabilitation of the patient as taught in accredited chiropractic schools or programs, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 148.06.

Subp. 9c. **Private practice.** "Private practice" means a privately owned chiropractic business held individually or by incorporation operating without the interest of any hospital, teaching facility, or insurance company.

Subp. 10. **Qualified staff.** "Qualified staff" means a person who has specific training in an area of rehabilitative therapy and who will administer rehabilitative therapies to a patient.

Subp. 11. **Rehabilitative therapy.** "Rehabilitative therapy" means therapy that restores an ill or injured patient to the maximum functional improvement by employing within the practice of chiropractic those methods, procedures, modalities, devices, and measures which include mobilization; thermotherapy; cryotherapy; hydrotherapy; exercise therapies; nutritional therapy; meridian therapy; vibratory therapy; traction; stretching; bracing and supports; trigger point therapy; massage and the use of forces associated with low voltage myostimulation, high voltage myostimulation, ultraviolet light, diathermy, and ultrasound; and counseling on dietary regimen, sanitary measures, occupational health, lifestyle factors, posture, rest, work, and recreational activities that may enhance or complement the chiropractic adjustment.

Subp. 12. **Voluntarily retired license.** "Voluntarily retired license" means a license which has been voluntarily surrendered by a chiropractor. It relinquishes all rights to practice chiropractic in Minnesota.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.23; 14.47; 148.08; 214.12*

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