

TITLE 140: COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

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HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS LICENSING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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Part 300 - Chiropractic Regulations

Subpart A - Definitions

§ 140-50.1-301 Definitions

As used in this part, the words and terms defined herein have the following meanings:

- (a) “**Chiropractic**” means the art, science, and practice of palpating and adjusting the articulations of the human body by hand.
- (b) “**Chiropractor**” means one who adjusts spinal column and other articulations of the body to prevent disease and correct abnormalities of the human body.

§ 140-50.1-305 Examination for License to Practice Chiropractic; Specifications

All applicants for license to practice chiropractic in the CNMI must:

- (a) Comply with the Board regulations;
- (b) Satisfactorily complete a written and oral, practical and demonstrative examination of skill in chiropractic technique.

§ 140-50.1-310 Practice by Applicant Waiting to Take Examination

- (a) An applicant for a license to practice chiropractic may perform chiropractic as specified in § 140-50.1-301, prior to examination if:
 - (1) His completed application is on file with the Board and he meets the requirements of § 140-50.1-320.
 - (2) The fee for the application has been paid; and
 - (3) The Board has received a notarized statement from the supervising chiropractic setting forth:
 - (i) The fact of the applicant’s employment;
 - (ii) The supervisor’s acceptance of professional and legal responsibility for the applicant’s work; and
 - (iii) The work program established for the applicant, which shall not include body manipulation.
- (b) The employer shall notify the Board if the applicant leaves his employment.

§ 140-50.1-315 Admission to Practice Without Written Examination

Any applicant of good moral character may be licensed without written examination upon the payment of

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the fee required by this part if he passes the required oral and practical examination and holds a certificate from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

§ 140-50.1-320 Qualifications of Applicants

An applicant must, in addition to satisfying the requirements of part 100, furnish satisfactory evidence to the Board that he:

- (a) Is a graduate from a college of chiropractic approved by the Board.
- (b) Is and/or was licensed to practice in another jurisdiction, if he has ever been so licensed to practice.
- (c) Is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the CNMI.

§ 140-50.1-325 Licenses; Use of Term “Chiropractic Physician”

A license to practice chiropractics authorizes the holder thereof to use the term “chiropractic physician,” or “doctor of chiropractic” and the initials “D.C.” may be used to follow the name of the chiropractor.

§ 140-50.1-330 Renewal of License; Fees; Educational Requirements; Reinstatement

- (a) Licenses must be renewed on or before the last day of the twenty-fourth calendar month after issue, except that if the last day of the period of validity falls on a Saturday, Sunday or business of the next following business day.* Each person licensed to practice chiropractice may, upon the payment of the fee provided for in this section, be granted a renewal certificate which authorized him to continue to practice for two years.

*So in original.

- (b) Every person holding a valid license and actively practicing chiropractic in the CNMI, whether on a full-time or part-time basis, must pay a renewal fee as set by the Board.
- (c) Each renewal fee must be paid to the Board in full at the time of application for renewal.
- (d) A licensee in active or part-time practice within the CNMI must submit satisfactory proof to the Board that he has attended at least one 2-day continuing education seminar of at least 10 hours, approved or endorsed by the Board, with the exception of a licensee who has reached the age of 70 years, and maintains membership in at least one professional national chiropractic association. The educational requirement of this section may be waived by the Board if the licensee files with the Board a statement of a chiropractic physician, osteopathic physician, or doctor of medicine certifying that the licensee is suffering from serious or disabling illness or physical disability which prevented him from attending the required educational seminar during the 12 months immediately preceding the two year licensing renewal date.
- (e) If a licensee fails to pay his renewal fee at the time of application for renewal or fails to submit proof of continuing education pursuant to subsection (d), his license is automatically suspended.

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§ 140-50.1-335 Advertising; Clinics

No facility other than a facility for student practice which is affiliated with a school offering courses in chiropractic approved by the Board may be advertised as a chiropractic clinic unless it has:

- (a) A full time staff of three or more licensed chiropractors;
- (b) X-ray equipment on the premises as prescribed by the Board;
- (c) A medical laboratory licensed pursuant to the regulations in this subchapter on the premises, or access to such a laboratory by the staff chiropractors;
- (d) A room specifically and exclusively designated for conference consultation among staff chiropractors; and
- (e) At least the following orthopedic and neurological equipment: gonio-meter-flexometer; ophthalmoscope; otoscope; proctoscope; reflex hammer; measuring tape; tuning fork; chemicals for testing olfactory stimulation.

§ 140-50.1-340 Construction of Part

Nothing in this part shall be construed to permit a chiropractor to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry or podiatry, to administer or prescribe drugs, or to perform surgical techniques.

§ 140-50.1-345 Chiropractor Prohibited from Piercing or Severing Body Tissue; Exception

A chiropractor shall not pierce or sever any body tissue, except to draw blood for diagnostic purposes.

§ 140-50.1-350 Unlawful Acts; Penalties

Except as provided in § 140-50.1-310, it is unlawful for any person who does not hold a license issued pursuant to this part to:

- (a) Practice chiropractics in the CNMI.
- (b) Hold himself out as a chiropractor.
- (c) Use any combination, variation, or abbreviation of the terms “chiropractor” or “chiropractic physician” as a professional or commercial representation.
- (d) Use any means which directly or indirectly conveys to another person the impression that he is qualified or licensed to practice chiropractics.

§ 140-50.1-355 Penalties

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any person violating any of the provisions of this part shall be subject to the sanctions provided in 3 CMC §§ 2271 and 2272.