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### BULLETIN

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Re: Multi-Disciplinary Practices

The Board has recently received inquiries regarding chiropractic physicians who are employed in multi-disciplinary practices by medical doctors or osteopathic physicians. In particular, the chiropractic physicians who have contacted the Board have asked about their professional and record keeping obligations related to such relationships.

This bulletin is being provided to assure compliance with the applicable Nevada laws. When a chiropractic physician performs chiropractic services for a patient, he or she must comply with all of Nevada's laws related to assessment of a patient, record keeping, scope of practice, and all other applicable laws. These professional and legal obligations apply whether the chiropractic physician performs the services as a stand-alone provider, in a practice with other chiropractic physicians, by way of referral from another medical care provider, or as directed by an employing medical doctor or osteopathic physician.

In the circumstance where a medical doctor or osteopathic physician employs a chiropractic physician and directs the chiropractic physician to provide services to a patient, the chiropractic physician must:

- Perform a chiropractic examination and assessment sufficient to support the chiropractic services that might be provided.
- Make records compliant with NAC 634.435 regarding the chiropractic examination and assessment and the treatment provided.
- Provide only such treatment and services as the chiropractic physician deems necessary or appropriate.

When determining whether a patient is an appropriate candidate for the treatment or services he or she will provide, a chiropractic physician may review the patient's chart and utilize preexisting data, diagnostics, and notes from other medical providers to assist in the assessment and examination of the patient, but the chiropractic physician must also perform his or her own independent examination and assessment as well.

In no case may a chiropractic physician perform services outside his or her scope of practice as defined by Nevada law, regardless of what the medical doctor or osteopathic physician might authorize or direct. In every such case, the chiropractic physician is and is expected to conduct himself or herself as a separate and independent provider of health care.

We hope this answers all present inquiries and provides useful guidance to all chiropractic physicians.

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