

**CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows a chiropractic physician to use advanced imaging, including x-ray, for diagnostic purposes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**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:*

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

**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);

- 30 (b) (i) use x-ray for diagnostic purposes only; and
- 31 (ii) order, for diagnostic purposes only:
- 32 (A) ultrasound;
- 33 (B) magnetic resonance imaging; and
- 34 (C) computerized tomography;
- 35 (c) administer:
- 36 (i) physical agents, including light, heat, cold, water, air, sound, compression,
- 37 electricity, and electromagnetic radiation except gamma radiation; and
- 38 (ii) physical activities and devices, including:
- 39 (A) exercise with and without devices;
- 40 (B) joint mobilization;
- 41 (C) mechanical stimulation;
- 42 (D) postural drainage;
- 43 (E) traction;
- 44 (F) positioning;
- 45 (G) wound debridement, cleansing, and dressing changes;
- 46 (H) splinting;
- 47 (I) training in locomotion and other functional activities with and without assistance
- 48 devices; and
- 49 (J) correction of posture, body mechanics, and gait;
- 50 (d) administer the following topically applied medicinal agents, including steroids,
- 51 anesthetics, coolants, and analgesics for wound care and for musculoskeletal treatment,
- 52 including their use by iontophoresis or phonophoresis;
- 53 (e) treat pain incident to major or minor surgery, cancer, obstetrics, or x-ray therapy;
- 54 (f) utilize immobilizing appliances, casts, and supports for support purposes, but may
- 55 not set displaced bone fractures;
- 56 (g) inform the patient of possible side effects of medication and recommend referral to
- 57 the prescribing practitioner;

58 (h) provide instruction in the use of physical measures, activities, and devices for  
59 preventive and therapeutic purposes;

60 (i) provide consulting, educational, and other advisory services for the purposes of  
61 reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunctions, bodily  
62 malfunction, and pain;

63 (j) treat a human being to assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical  
64 disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain resulting from disorders,  
65 congenital and aging conditions, injury, and disease; and

66 (k) administer, interpret, and evaluate tests.

67 (3) A chiropractic physician may not:

68 (a) perform incisive surgery;

69 (b) administer drugs or medicines for which an authorized prescription is required by  
70 law except as provided in Subsection (2)(d);

71 (c) treat cancer;

72 (d) practice obstetrics;

73 (e) prescribe or administer x-ray therapy; or

74 (f) set displaced fractures.

75 (4) A chiropractic physician shall assume responsibility for his examinations,  
76 diagnoses, and treatment.

77 (5) Nothing in this section authorizes a chiropractic physician to prescribe, possess for  
78 dispensing, dispense, purchase without a prescription written by a licensed and authorized  
79 practitioner, or administer, except under Subsection (2)(d), a drug requiring a prescription to  
80 dispense, under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, or Title 58, Chapter  
81 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act.

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

