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**Concussion management.****(A) General population.**

- (1) Each licensee who assesses, diagnoses and/or treats concussed patients shall do so in accordance with nationally accepted standards and guidelines.
- (2) Each licensee who assesses, diagnoses and/or treats concussed patients shall maintain a level of continuing education that keeps pace with the evolving topic of concussion management.
- (3) Licensees may do all of the following in regard to concussion management:
  - (a) Assess;
  - (b) Diagnose;
  - (c) Treat;
  - (d) Grant clearance to return to activities of daily living;
  - (e) Consult with, refer to, or collaborate with other licensed healthcare providers.

**(B) Youth sports participants.**

This provision applies to public schools, including schools operated by school districts, community schools, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) schools as well as all private schools, including both chartered and nonchartered nonpublic schools.

- (1) As used in section 3707.51 of the Revised Code, "youth sports organization" means a public or nonpublic entity that organizes an athletic activity in which the athletes are not more than nineteen years of age and are required to pay a fee to participate in the athletic activity or whose cost to participate is sponsored by a business or nonprofit organization.
- (2) As used in this section, "physician" means a person authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- (3) Diagnosis and Treatment
  - (a) Each licensee who treats youth sports participants as defined in paragraph (B)(1) of this rule, shall diagnose and treat youth sports participant concussions in accordance with the Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport issued by the 4th International Conference on Concussion in Sport held in Zurich, November 2012 (available from the

website of the state chiropractic board at: <http://www.chirobd.ohio.gov>) or with nationally accepted standards and guidelines consistent with that statement.

(b) Each licensee who assesses, diagnoses and/or treats concussed patients shall maintain a level of continuing education that keeps pace with the evolving topic of concussion management.

#### (4) Assessment and Clearance

(a) Subject to the exemptions provided in paragraph (B)(5), licensees shall only make an assessment and/or grant clearance to a youth sports participant to return to play:

(i) In consultation with a physician;

(ii) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;

(iii) In collaboration with a physician;

(iv) Under the supervision of a physician.

(5) A licensee with one or more of the following current credentials is exempt from the provisions of paragraph (B)(4) and may assess and/or grant a clearance to return to play to a youth sports participant:

(a) Diplomate in chiropractic neurology recognized by the american chiropractic neurology board;

(b) Diplomate in chiropractic sports medicine recognized by the american chiropractic board of sports physicians;

(c) Certified chiropractic sports physician recognized by the american chiropractic board of sports physicians and listed on the american chiropractic board of sports physicians national concussion registry.

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