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**Professional ethics.**

- (A) In order to provide the best possible care to patients, chiropractic physicians shall cooperate with other licensed practitioners who are concurrently treating his or her patients, or who subsequently treat his or her patients. Cooperation shall include, as authorized by the patient, making patient records available, reporting his or her diagnosis and/or treatment, and otherwise ensuring continuity of patient care.
- (B) No chiropractic physician shall make claims of professional superiority over his or her fellow practitioners or other health care practitioners in an inaccurate or unidentified manner which cannot be properly substantiated.
- (C) A chiropractic physician shall present his or her professional credentials in an accurate and dignified manner. He or she shall not misrepresent his or her professional credentials, or present credentials in a misleading manner. ~~The term "board" shall only be used in regard to the state chiropractic board, unless the full name of the entity other than the state chiropractic board is used.~~
- (D) Chiropractic physicians may not identify themselves as practicing in a certain specialty or as a specialist, unless they possess the recognized credentials issued by the proper authority.
- (E) A chiropractic physician shall maintain proper standards of safety, sanitation and cleanliness in his or her place of practice. This includes properly utilizing and maintaining all equipment used in chiropractic practice.
- (F) A chiropractic physician shall remain free of conflicts of interest and shall maintain the integrity of the chiropractic profession while fulfilling ~~their~~his or her duties and responsibilities as a chiropractic physician. If a conflict of interest does develop, the chiropractic physician shall promptly disclose such conflict of interest to the affected parties. Chiropractic physicians shall avoid any conflicts of interest with a patient which might impair professional judgment.
- (G) A chiropractic physician who identifies him or herself as such in an endorsement, shall promote or endorse only in a manner that is true and that is not false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading.
- (H) Chiropractic physicians shall not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate with any form of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, political belief, veteran status, or mental or physical challenge.

- (I) Chiropractic physicians shall endeavor to practice with the highest degree of professional competency in the care of patients. Clinical judgment and practices should be objective and exercised solely for the patient's benefit.
- (J) Chiropractic physicians shall consult with other health care professionals when such consultation would benefit the patient, or when the patient requests such consultation.
- (K) Chiropractic physicians shall protect the public by bringing to the attention of the board any action of another chiropractic physician that appears to violate Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code and agency 4734 of the Administrative Code.
- (L) A chiropractic physician shall not receive a fee, rebate, rental payment, or any other form of remuneration for the referral of a patient to a clinic, laboratory or other health service entity.
- (M) A chiropractic physician shall not guarantee a cure to any patient.
- (N) A chiropractic physician shall not take physical, emotional, or financial advantage of any patient.
- (O) Upon receipt of a written request, a chiropractic physician shall release the patient's records to the patient, or to whom the patient designates to receive the records.
- (P) No chiropractic physician shall communicate with an individual in a way that invades privacy of the individual, or interferes with an existing doctor-patient relationship.
- (Q) A doctor-patient relationship is any relationship between a chiropractic physician and a patient wherein the chiropractic physician provides professional services to the patient. The doctor-patient relationship requires the chiropractic physician to exercise the utmost care that he or she will do nothing to exploit the trust and dependency of the patient. A chiropractic physician shall make every effort to avoid other types of relationships that impair his or her professional judgement or risk the possibility of exploiting the confidence placed in him or her by a patient.

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