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4734-8-02 Unlicensed supportive personnel.

- (A) A chiropractic physician is responsible for the care of his or her patients. Such responsibility includes ensuring that all unlicensed supportive personnel are competent and properly qualified by education, training, and/or experience to perform their assigned duties.
- (B) A chiropractic physician may delegate certain professional responsibilities to unlicensed supportive personnel who are qualified by education, training, and/or experience to perform such duties.
- (C) Unlicensed supportive personnel means an individual or individuals who are on the job trained by a chiropractic physician and who participate in chiropractic patient care delivery. Unlicensed supportive personnel do not hold professional licensure and work under the direction of a chiropractic physician utilizing their education, training, and/or experience to perform designated tasks and duties related to the practice of chiropractic. This does not include any activity that would require performance, clinical interpretation and/or treatment by a licensed professional.
- (D) A licensed chiropractic physician must properly supervise all unlicensed supportive personnel to whom responsibilities are delegated. Properly supervise within the meaning of this rule is defined as on-site initial and ongoing direction, procedural guidance, observation, and evaluation by a licensed chiropractic physician.
- (E) Professional responsibilities shall only be delegated by the order of a licensed chiropractic physician. Professional responsibilities within the meaning of this rule include:
- (1) Taking measurements for height, weight, blood pressure, respiration, pulse, and temperature;
 - (2) Recording observable signs and symptoms;
 - (3) Collecting bodily fluids for diagnostic purposes;
 - (4) Applying hot and/or cold packs;
 - (5) Applying mechanical traction;
 - (6) Applying electrical stimulation;
 - (7) Applying vasopneumatic devices;
 - (8) Applying diathermy;
 - (9) Applying therapeutic ultrasound;
 - (10) ~~Exercise instruction~~Instruction and supervision of ~~exercise activities~~therapeutic exercises;
 - (11) ~~Supervision~~Instruction and supervision of therapeutic procedures and activities;
 - (12) Instruction and supervision of neuromuscular reeducation;
 - (13) Low level laser therapy up to and including class IV lasers;
 - ~~(12)-(14)~~ Assist patients to safely perform activities related to the development of strength and endurance;
 - ~~(13)-(15)~~ Other services or procedures as deemed appropriate by the board.

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(F) A chiropractic physician shall not delegate duties to unlicensed supportive personnel in a negligent manner.