

4800 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4800.1 This chapter shall apply to applicants for and holders of a license to practice chiropractic.
- 4800.2 Chapters 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules) and 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures) of this title shall supplement this Chapter.
- 4800.3 Notwithstanding anything in Chapter 40 to the contrary, the Board shall only accept applications for licensure by one of the following means:
- (a) Examination;
 - (b) Reactivation of an inactive license;
 - (c) Reinstatement of an expired, suspended, or revoked license; or
 - (d) Reciprocity pursuant to § 4014.
- 4800.4 An applicant for a license to practice chiropractic shall submit with a complete application three (3) letters from chiropractors licensed in a jurisdiction of the United States in good standing who have personal knowledge of the applicant's abilities and qualifications to practice chiropractic.

AUTHORITY: Unless otherwise noted, the authority for this chapter is § 302(14) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Law 6.99, D.C. Code § 2-3303.2(14) (1988 Repl. Vol.), 33 DCR 729, 732 (February 7, 1986), and Mayor's Order 86-110, 33 DCR 5220 (August 22, 1986).

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2750 (May 4, 1990); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 6820 (July 19, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 11237 (December 13, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 50 DCR 3955 (May 23, 2003); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7936 (July 25, 2008).

4801 TERM OF LICENSE

4801.1 Subject to § 4801.2, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of December 31st of each even-numbered year.

4801.2 If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to § 4006.3 of Chapter 40 of this title, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birth date of the holder of the license, or other date established by the Director.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6659 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7937 (July 25, 2008).

4802 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4802.1 Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 504(b) of the Act, (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(b)) (2006 Supp.), that the applicant has met the following requirements:

- (a) Has successfully completed two (2) years of education at the baccalaureate level at a college or university accredited at the time of the applicant's attendance by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Education; and
- (b) Has graduated from an educational program in the practice of chiropractic that:
 - (1) Consists of four (4) academic years of study;
 - (2) Includes five hundred (500) hours of practical clinical experience under the supervision of a chiropractor; and
 - (3) Is accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation by:
 - (A) The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE); or
 - (B) The Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association (SCASA); or
 - (C) Any other specialized chiropractic accrediting agency listed with the U.S. Department of Education.

4802.2 An applicant shall submit with a completed application a certified transcript from educational institution(s) to the Board.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6659 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2750 (May 4, 1990); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 50 DCR 3955 (May 23, 2003); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7937, 7938 (July 25, 2008).

4803**LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND
QUALIFICATIONS FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY
ANCILLARY PROCEDURES CERTIFICATION**

4803.1 An applicant who has completed educational requirements may apply for licensure in the District of Columbia in the following manner:

- (a) If the applicant graduated prior to September 1987 the applicant shall have successfully passed parts 1 and 2 of the national exam;
or
- (b) If the applicant graduated prior to January 1, 1996, but after September 1987, the applicant shall have successfully passed parts 1, 2, and 3 of the national examination; or,
- (c) The applicant shall successfully pass the District of Columbia Chiropractic Exam and/or the National Boards SPEC Exam at the discretion of the D.C. Board of Chiropractic.

4803.2 An applicant applying for licensure under this section shall also comply with § 4805.1.

4803.3 In addition to the requirements provided in § 4802 for licensure, a chiropractor seeking to satisfy the requirements to qualify for physiotherapy and/or acupuncture ancillary procedures certification, shall achieve a passing score on the national examination for these test areas equal to or greater than the score recommended by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE).

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 53 DCR 87 (January 6, 2006); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7938 (July 25, 2008); as amended by Notice of Final Rulemaking published at 58 DCR 8770 (October 14, 2011).

4804 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

- 4804.1 To qualify for a license by examination, an applicant shall receive a passing score on an examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) (the national examination).
- 4804.2 An applicant shall submit with a completed application the applicant's national examination results, certified by the NBCE.
- 4804.3 The passing score on the national examination shall be the score recommended by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- 4804.4 The Board shall only consider examination results after the applicant has passed all parts of the examinations.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6660 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2750 (May 4, 1990) ; as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 6820 (July 19, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 11237 (December 13, 2002).

4805 DISTRICT EXAMINATION

- 4805.1 To qualify for a license under this chapter, an applicant, without exception shall receive a passing score on the District examination. The examination shall consist of written and/or oral tests on scope of practice, medical ethics and District law.
- 4805.2 [REPEALED].
- 4805.3 An applicant shall pass all parts of the national examination to be eligible to take the District examination, except as specified in Subsection 4803.1.
- 4805.4 The District examination may include questions on the following:
- (a) The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1201.01 *et seq.* (2007 Repl.));
 - (b) Title 17, Chapter 48 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations;
 - (c) Title 17, Chapters 40 and 41 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations;
 - (d) Scope of practice; and
 - (e) Ethics and boundaries.
- 4805.5 The Board shall supply each applicant for examination by the Board with copies of the laws and rules on which the applicant will be tested thirty (30) days prior to the examination, unless waived by the applicant.
- 4805.6 A passing score on the District Examination shall be seventy-five percent (75%). After failing to obtain a score of at least seventy-five percent (75%) on two (2) successive District examinations, the applicant shall appear before the Board before being permitted to retake the examination a third time. In the event of a third failure, the applicant shall not be permitted to sit for a fourth attempt for a period of one (1) year. An applicant practicing under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor while waiting to sit for the District Examination, who twice fails the examination, shall have the pending application status suspended for a period of ninety (90) days.
- 4805.7 Pursuant to the Act, an applicant approved for an initial license to sit for the next scheduled examination may request the Board's permission to practice under the direct supervision of a District licensed chiropractor for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

4806 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4806.1 Subject to § 4806.2, this section shall apply to applicants for the renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of a license.
- 4806.2 This section shall not apply to applicants for an initial license by examination, nor shall it apply to applicants for the first renewal of a license granted by examination.
- 4806.3 A continuing education credit shall be valid only if it is part of a program specified in § 4807.
- 4806.4 An applicant for renewal of a license expiring on December 31, 2018 and all subsequent licensure terms shall submit proof upon request of the Board pursuant to § 4806.7 of having completed thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education credit during the two (2) year period preceding the date the license expires that include three (3) hours in communicable disease (including HIV-AIDS), two (2) hours in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, and five (5) hours in any combination of ethics, risk management, documentation and record keeping, or cultural competency.
- 4806.5 A person in inactive status, within the meaning of § 511 of the Act, may qualify for a license by submitting an application to reactivate a license and submitting proof, pursuant to § 4806.7, of having completed fifteen (15) hours of approved continuing education credit for each license year after December 31, 1990, that the applicant was in inactive status.
- 4806.6 To qualify for a license, an applicant for reinstatement of a license shall submit proof, pursuant to § 4806.7, of having completed fifteen (15) hours of approved continuing education credit for each year that the license was expired.
- 4806.7 At the request of the Board, an applicant under this section shall prove completion of required continuing education credits by submitting with the application the following information with respect to each program:
- (a) The name and address of the sponsor of the program;
 - (b) The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors;
 - (c) The dates on which the applicant attended the program;

- (d) The hours of credit claimed; and
- (e) Verification by the sponsor of completion by signature or stamp.

4806.8 An applicant for renewal of a license who fails to submit proof of having completed continuing education requirements by the date the license expires may renew the license up to sixty (60) days after expiration by submitting proof pursuant to § 4806.7 and by paying the required additional late fee.

4806.9 Upon submitting proof and paying the late fee, the applicants shall be deemed to have possessed a valid license during the period between the expiration of the license and the submission of the required documentation and payment of the late fee.

4806.10 If an applicant for renewal of a license fails to submit proof of completion of continuing education requirements as requested by the Board or pay the late fee within sixty (60) days after the expiration of applicant's license, the license shall be considered to have lapsed on the date of expiration.

4806.11 The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the sixty (60) day period to renew after expiration if the applicant's failure to submit proof of completion was for good cause. For purposes of this section, "good cause" includes the following:

- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant;
- (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6661 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2750 (May 4, 1990); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7936 (July 25, 2008); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 63 DCR 13109 (October 21, 2016).

4807 APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

4807.1 The Board shall accept for credit continuing education programs provided or sponsored by the following:

- (a) A chiropractic college accredited by the CCE;
- (b) The America Chiropractic Association;
- (c) The Federation of Straight Chiropractic Organizations;
- (d) The International Chiropractors Association; or
- (e) Approved by the District of Columbia Board of Chiropractic.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6662 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 50 DCR 3955 (May 23, 2003); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7942 (July 25, 2008); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 63 DCR 13109 (October 21, 2016).

4808 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

4808.1 The Board may grant continuing education credit for whole hours only, with a minimum of fifty (50) minutes constituting one (1) credit hour.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6663 (September 2, 1988).

4809 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- 4809.1 A licensee shall not engage in sexual conduct with a patient with whom he or she has a patient-chiropractor relationship.
- 4809.2 A patient-chiropractor relationship exists unless:
- (a) Professional services are terminated and the patient receives written notice of the termination, whether the termination was initiated by the patient or licensee;
 - (b) The patient has been appropriately referred to another health professional in writing;
 - (c) The patient has accepted treatment by another health professional and the licensee documents the patient's chart prior to closing the file; or
 - (d) The patient has not received professional services for six (6) consecutive months and has not contacted the chiropractor for treatment.
- 4809.3 Sexual conduct includes the following:
- (a) Any behavior, gestures, or verbal or nonverbal expressions, which may reasonably be interpreted as seductive or sexual in nature; and
 - (b) Sexual comments or discussion about a patient or a former patient that are not related to chiropractic care or treatment.
- 4809.4 A patient shall be provided with a private treatment room, as well as examination conditions, which prevent the exposure of the unclothed body of the patient unless it is necessary for the chiropractic exam or treatment.
- 4809.5 A licensee shall not engage in sexually harassing behavior in the practice of chiropractic of a single extreme act or multiple acts toward a patient, coworker, employee, student or supervisee whether or not such individual is in a subordinate position to the licensee or not.
- 4809.6 A licensee may have a chiropractor-patient relationship with a spouse, family member or an individual with whom he or she has a mutually committed relationship and perform chiropractic treatment, provided the treatment is within accepted standards of chiropractic care and the performance of the services are not utilized to exploit the patient for sexual arousal or sexual gratification.
- 4809.7 A licensee shall not seek or solicit sexual contact with a patient with whom he or she has a patient-chiropractic relationship or in exchange for professional services.

- 4809.8 A licensee may not raise the following defenses to any action under this section:
- (a) The licensee was in love with or had affection for the patient; and
 - (b) The patient solicited or consented to the sexual contact with the licensee.
- 4809.9 A licensee shall exercise independent professional judgment in the treatment or evaluation of the patient regardless of whether the patient was referred by another healthcare provider.
- 4809.10 [REPEALED].
- 4809.11 A licensee shall prepare a written or verbal report for consultative purposes for another chiropractor, another healthcare provider, hospital or agency that currently provides or has provided service to the patient upon request.
- 4809.12 A licensee shall terminate a professional relationship with a patient shall in an appropriate and timely manner so as not to adversely impact the health of the patient.
- 4809.13 A licensee shall continue a professional relationship for emergency treatment with a current patient for a reasonable period of time to allow the patient time to obtain another healthcare provider.
- 4809.14 A licensee shall arrange for adequate coverage of his or her patients during absences when the chiropractor is unavailable to the patients.
- 4809.15 A licensee shall not:
- (a) Accept a patient for treatment or continue with treatment when the treatment is unnecessary and the patient cannot be reasonably expected to benefit from treatment within normal standards of chiropractic care and consistent with the treatment philosophy of the treating chiropractor.
 - (b) Attempt to treat or make misrepresentations about his or her ability to treat patients beyond his or her scope of expertise and/or area of specialty certification.
 - (c) Refer a patient to a diagnostic or treatment facility or prescribe goods and services to be purchased from another facility, in which the chiropractor has a pecuniary interest, without first disclosing that interest in writing to the patient or third party payor.
- 4809.16 A licensee shall not make any false, misleading, or deceptive communication in any form of advertising nor shall the licensee utilize any form of advertising that

has the capacity or tendency to deceive, mislead, or confuse the recipient in any manner including the following:

- (a) Advertising that contains a misrepresentation of any fact including advertising that has the capacity or tendency to mislead, deceive, or confuse any potential recipient, either through false or misleading claims, or by failing to disclose relevant or material facts;
- (b) Advertising that conveys the impression of professional superiority or other superior attributes that cannot be substantiated. A licensee shall not advertise that he or she has a certification or has attained diplomate status without having been conferred the title of diplomate or having received a certification;
- (c) Advertising that has the capacity or tendency to create false or unjustified expectations of beneficial treatment or successful cures;
- (d) Advertising that contains any guarantee of the results of any service;
- (e) Advertising a service that the licensee is not licensed to perform in the District of Columbia;
- (f) Advertising under a heading that may foster confusion about the professional status of the chiropractor or under a professional heading in which the chiropractor is not licensed; or
- (g) Advertising a transaction that is in itself illegal.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 53 DCR 87 (January 6, 2006); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7938 (July 25, 2008); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 10139 (October 3, 2008); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 63 DCR 13109 (October 21, 2016).

4810 PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS

4810.1 A chiropractic assistant may perform the following under the supervision of a licensed doctor of chiropractic:

- (a) Case histories, if properly trained by the supervising chiropractor;
- (b) Diagnostic testing, but must have specialized training by a program or institution listed in section 4807.1;
- (c) Therapeutic ancillary procedures, but must have specialized training by a program or institution listed in section 4807.1, and in addition, have specific written instructions from the supervising licensed chiropractor with ancillary privileges; and
- (d) The taking of x-rays, but must have specialized training by a program or institution listed in section 4807.1, and in addition, have specific written instructions from the supervising licensed chiropractor.

4810.2 A chiropractic assistant may not perform the following:

- (a) Any tasks requiring manipulative or adjustment techniques;
- (b) The rendering of diagnostic results or interpretations; or
- (c) Giving treatment advice without direct written orders from the Doctor of Chiropractic.

4810.3 A licensed doctor of chiropractic shall be fully responsible for all of the actions performed by the chiropractic assistant during the time of the supervision and is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the person supervised.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 53 DCR 558 (January 27, 2006); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7945 (July 25, 2008).

4811 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

4811.1 A chiropractor who is licensed to practice in the District of Columbia under the provisions of this chapter may provide the following chiropractic services:

- (a) Locating, diagnosing, and analyzing subluxated vertebrae as follows:
 - (1) By x-ray of the spinal column;
 - (2) By physical examination; and
 - (3) By employing other non-invasive procedures such as MRI and CAT scan;
- (b) Correcting vertebral subluxation displacement by applying specific localized force to the spine;
- (c) Advising and instructing a patient about exercise, stress management, and nutrition;
- (d) Referring a patient for specialized diagnostic testing, which may be necessary for chiropractic treatment or patient safety;
- (e) Referring a patient to other healthcare practitioners as the chiropractor deems necessary; and
- (f) Diagnosing and treating bodily articulations by means of manipulation or adjustments.

4811.2 A chiropractor who is certified by the Board to perform ancillary procedures pursuant to § 4803.3 may perform any physiotherapy for which the chiropractor has received specialized training at a program or institution listed in § 4807.1 provided the physiotherapy is preparatory or complementary to chiropractic care.

4811.3 A chiropractor not licensed to practice in the District of Columbia but who is licensed and in good standing in any other state, territory, or jurisdiction of the United States or any other nation or foreign jurisdiction may engage in the practice of chiropractic if he or she is employed or designated in his or her professional capacity by a sports or performing arts entity visiting the District of Columbia for a specific sports or performing arts event subject to the following restrictions and rules:

- (a) The practice of chiropractic subject to this rule shall be limited to members, coaches, or official staff of the team or event for which

that chiropractor is designated. If services are requested by a specific athlete or performer, the practice of chiropractic shall be limited to services performed for that individual only;

- (b) The practice of chiropractic as authorized by this rule shall be limited to the designated venue of the event or designated treatment area for the event. The Board, in its discretion, may audit, review, or inspect the venue and chiropractic services rendered;
- (c) A chiropractor practicing under the authority of this section may use only those practices and procedures that are within the scope of chiropractic practice in the District of Columbia as authorized by statute and the rules governing chiropractic practice in the District of Columbia; and
- (d) Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the visiting chiropractor shall request and receive written permission from the Board at least sixty (60) days before the start of practice in the District, and the visiting chiropractor may practice chiropractic in the District no more than fourteen (14) days during any calendar year.

4811.4 A student enrolled at an approved chiropractic college may perform chiropractic procedures provided the student has successfully completed at least one (1) academic year of schooling and the chiropractic procedures are performed under the supervision and direction of an authorized instructor duly licensed to practice chiropractic in the District of Columbia.

4811.5 A student enrolled at an approved chiropractic college may perform chiropractic procedures at a location other than the premises of the chiropractic college at which the student is enrolled, provided the student has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) academic years of chiropractic college and has met all of the chiropractic college's requirements concerning its student/preceptor program. The chiropractic procedures performed by the student shall be performed under the supervision and direction of a Chiropractic Preceptor. A duly authorized instructor or Chiropractic Preceptor shall be within the immediate patient treatment area, the clinic proper, and available to the student at all times.

4811.6 A student performing chiropractic procedures at a location other than the premises of the chiropractic college at which the student is enrolled and under the supervision and direction of a Chiropractic Preceptor shall be known as a "Chiropractic Intern" and shall not represent him or herself to the public as a licensed Chiropractor or use terms such as "Chiropractor", "Doctor of Chiropractic" or "D.C."

4811.7 The Chiropractic Preceptor shall be approved by the Board before

supervising a chiropractic student. To qualify as a Chiropractic Preceptor, the chiropractor shall:

- (a) Be licensed to practice chiropractic in the District of Columbia for not less than five (5) years;
- (b) Not have had any public or private sanction against his or her license to practice chiropractic in the District of Columbia or any other state;
- (c) Disclose if he or she has been convicted or found guilty of a violation of any law other than a minor traffic violation within seven years prior to his or her application to serve as a preceptor; and
- (d) Have the written approval of the chiropractic student's chiropractic college to serve as an adjunct faculty member for the purpose of a student/preceptor program.

4811.8 Any chiropractic procedure performed by a chiropractic student shall be in compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations regarding the practice of chiropractic in the District of Columbia.

4811.9 The primary responsibility for the programming and treatment of the patient by the chiropractic student shall rest with the Chiropractic Preceptor or other authorized instructor.

4811.10 Documentation of all programming and treatment of the patient and all changes to the programming and treatment plans shall be reviewed and approved by the authorized instructor or Chiropractic Preceptor.

4811.11 The chiropractic college shall notify the Board of the specific dates that a Chiropractic Intern shall be serving as a Chiropractic Intern under the supervision and direction of a Chiropractic Preceptor.

4811.12 The Board's approval for any chiropractor serving as a Chiropractic Preceptor shall expire December 31st of each even-numbered year. The chiropractic college shall submit to the Board for reapproval the required documentation concerning each Chiropractic Preceptor during the last quarter of the even-numbered year.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6663 (September 2, 1986); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2750 (May 4, 1990); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 6820 (July 19, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 11237 (December 13, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 50 DCR 3955 (May 23, 2003); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7946 (July 25, 2008); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 63 DCR 13109 (October 21, 2016).

4812 VITAMINS AND MINERALS

- 4812.1 A chiropractor, who is licensed to practice in the District of Columbia may recommend vitamins, minerals and other dietary supplements in the care and treatment of a patient. The rationale for the recommendation and use shall be documented by the practitioner.
- 4812.2 The practitioner shall conform to standards in the practice of chiropractic in the application of vitamins, minerals, and other dietary supplements as it relates to neuro-muscular-skeletal disorders. The recommendation of vitamins minerals and other dietary supplements shall be therapeutic and not experimental.
- 4812.3 A chiropractor may sell or dispense vitamins, minerals and other dietary supplements from his or her place of business in accordance with applicable laws in the District of Columbia.
- 4812.4 A chiropractor shall not sell, dispense, recommend or suggest vitamins, minerals and dietary supplements or any combination of these products in toxic doses.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6664 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 6820 (July 19, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 11237 (December 13, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 51 DCR 6628 (July 2, 2004).

DEFINITIONS

4899.1 For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed:

Act—The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1201.01 *et seq.* (2007 Repl.)).

Ancillary—any physiotherapy procedure used on a patient prior to, and complimentary to, receiving a chiropractic treatment.

Applicant—A person applying for a license to practice chiropractic or certification to practice ancillary procedures under this chapter.

Board—The D.C. Board of Chiropractic, established by § 216 of the Health Occupations Revision Act, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.16 (2007 Repl.)).

CAT scan—A diagnostic, medical, radiological scan in which cross-sectional images of a part of the body are formed through computerized axial tomography and shown on a computer screen.

Chiropractic Preceptor—Any person licensed as a doctor of chiropractic in the District of Columbia who is approved by the Board to supervise chiropractic students in the performance of chiropractic at a location other than the premises of the chiropractic college in which the student is enrolled.

Chiropractor—A person licensed to practice chiropractic under the Health Occupations Revision Act, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1205.01 *et seq.* (2007 Repl.)).

MRI—An imaging technique that uses electromagnetic radiation to obtain images of the body's soft tissues by subjecting the body to a powerful magnetic field, allowing tiny signals from atomic nuclei to be detected and then processed and converted into images by a computer.

NBCE—The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Physiotherapy—Any external modality that the chiropractor uses on a patient before receiving a chiropractic adjustment or manipulation, that creates a physiological change in the human tissue condition, and that contributes to the overall improvement of the condition for which the patient is being treated.

Spinal adjustment or manipulation—A specific thrust applied to a subluxated vertebra utilizing parts of the vertebra and contiguous structures as levers to directionally correct that particular articular malposition, and thus influencing neural integrity in that area.

Subluxation—A complex of functional or structural changes that occur in the spinal column that compromises neural integrity and thus may influence organ system function and general health.

Supervision—Having a licensed District of Columbia chiropractor in the same office on a continuous basis while the assistant is on duty. The supervising chiropractor should be immediately available for delegated acts that the chiropractic assistant performs. Telecommunication is insufficient for supervision purposes or as a means for directing delegated acts.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 6658, 6685 (September 2, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 6820 (July 19, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 49 DCR 11237 (December 13, 2002); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 53 DCR 558 (January 27, 2006); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 55 DCR 7947 (July 25, 2008); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 63 DCR 13109 (October 21, 2016).