

Chapter Chir 10

DELEGATION TO CHIROPRACTIC TECHNICIANS, CHIROPRACTIC RADIOLOGICAL TECHNICIANS, AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

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Chir 10.01 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) “Adjunctive services” means services which are preparatory or complementary to the practice of chiropractic. “Adjunctive services” include the taking and preparation of a preliminary patient history and providing physiotherapy treatment. “Adjunctive services” does not include making a chiropractic diagnosis, analyzing a diagnostic test, or performing a chiropractic adjustment.

(1g) “Massage therapy” or “bodywork therapy” has the meaning given in s. 460.01 (4), Stats.

(1r) “Physiotherapy treatment” means the therapeutic use of physical agents or means, including heat, cold, light, air, water, sound, electricity, massage therapy or bodywork therapy, and physical exercise with and without assistive devices, to treat or manage injury, disease, bodily defects, or bodily weaknesses.

(2) “Preliminary patient history” means the process of taking patient vitals and gathering baseline data regarding a patient, including the nature of the chief complaint, family history, and medical history. The “preliminary patient history” is intended to provide a starting point for further inquiry by the chiropractor into the patient’s condition.

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Chir 10.015 Chiropractic technician course of study. The board shall grant certification as a chiropractic technician to an applicant who satisfies the requirements under s. 446.026 (2) (a), Stats. The course of study required under s. 446.026 (2) (a) 3., Stats., shall be one of the following:

(1) A course of study meeting all of the following requirements:

(a) The course of study shall include a prerequisite 4–hour therapeutic overview course covering chiropractic technician scope of practice, anatomy, and contraindications followed by all of the following:

1. Four hours of instruction in gathering baseline data regarding a patient.

2. Four hours of instruction in taking patient vitals.

(b) The course of study shall include a final assessment of competency of the didactic and clinical components of the program.

(c) The course of study shall be conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training, or experience by reason of which the individuals should be considered qualified concerning chiropractic technician scope of practice, anatomy, contraindications, and taking and preparing a preliminary patient history.

(2) A course of study the board determines is reasonably equivalent to the course of study under sub. (1).

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Chir 10.02 Delegation of adjunctive services to a chiropractic technician. A chiropractor may delegate the performance of an adjunctive service to a chiropractic technician if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The chiropractor maintains records or ensures the chiropractor’s employer maintains records that verify the chiropractic technician is certified under ch. 446, Stats.

(2) For the delegation of massage therapy or bodywork therapy, the chiropractor maintains records or ensures the chiropractor’s employer maintains records that verify the chiropractic technician is licensed under ch. 460, Stats.

(3) For the delegation of adjunctive services other than massage therapy or bodywork therapy and taking and preparing preliminary patient histories, the chiropractor maintains records or ensures the chiropractor’s employer maintains records that verify the chiropractic technician has successfully completed a didactic and clinical training program approved by the board and covering the performance of the delegated service. Successful completion of a training program is demonstrated by attaining proficiency in the delivery of that service to minimally competent chiropractic practice standards as measured by objective knowledge and skills testing. The didactic and clinical training program shall meet or be determined by the board to be reasonably equivalent to all of the following criteria:

(a) The program constitutes an organized program of learning that contributes directly to the professional competency of a chiropractic technician to perform the delegated service.

(b) The program pertains to subject matters that integrally relate to the performance of the delegated service.

(c) The program is conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training, or experience by reason of which the individuals should be considered qualified concerning the performance of the delegated service.

(d) The program fulfills pre–established goals and objectives.

(e) The program provides proof of attendance.

(f) The program includes a final assessment of competency of the didactic and clinical components of the program.

(g) If the program includes instruction in one or more of the subject matters under subs. 1. to 7., the instruction shall meet the following requirements:

1. Instruction in the performance of thermotherapy and cryotherapy shall comprise one hour.

2. Instruction in the performance of electrotherapy shall comprise 3 hours.

3. Instruction in the performance of therapeutic ultrasound shall comprise 3 hours.

4. Instruction in the performance of light therapy shall comprise 3 hours.

5. Instruction in the performance of surface electromyography shall comprise 3 hours.

6. Instruction in the performance of mechanical therapy and decompression shall comprise 3 hours and may not include instruction in manual traction or manipulation.

7. Instruction in exercise and rehabilitation shall comprise 24 hours and include all of the following topics:

- a. Basic functional anatomy.
- b. Kinesiology and joint movement.
- c. Indications and contraindications.
- d. Recordkeeping and reporting.
- e. Scope of practice.
- f. Baselines assessment, outcomes, and goals.

(4) The chiropractor exercises direct, on–premises supervision of the chiropractic technician performing the delegated service.

(5) The chiropractor retains ultimate responsibility for the manner and quality of the service.

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Chir 10.023 Delegation of adjunctive services to a health care professional. A chiropractor may delegate the performance of an adjunctive service to a health care professional if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The performance of the adjunctive service is within the scope of the health care professional’s license, registration, or certification.

(2) The chiropractor maintains records or ensures the chiropractor’s employer maintains records that verify the health care professional’s license, registration, or certification is current.

(3) The chiropractor exercises direct, on–premises supervision of the health care professional performing the delegated adjunctive service.

(4) The chiropractor retains ultimate responsibility for the manner and quality of the service.

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Chir 10.024 Delegation of adjunctive services to individuals trained as medical assistants. A chiropractor may delegate the performance of an adjunctive service to an individual described under s. 446.02 (7) (a) 3., Stats., if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The individual is qualified, through education, training, or experience, to perform the adjunctive service.

(2) The chiropractor maintains records or ensures the chiropractor’s employer maintains records that verify the individual’s training is current.

(3) The chiropractor exercises direct, on–premises supervision of the individual performing the delegated adjunctive service.

(4) The chiropractor retains ultimate responsibility for the manner and quality of the service.

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Chir 10.025 Chiropractic radiological technician course of study. The board shall grant certification as a chiropractic radiological technician to an applicant who satisfies the requirements under s. 446.025 (2) (a), Stats. The course of study required under s. 446.025 (2) (a) 3., Stats., shall be one of the following:

(1) A course of study meeting all of the following requirements:

(a) The course of study shall comprise 48 hours, including all of the following topics:

1. Introduction to x–ray examination.
2. Physics of x–ray examination.
3. Anatomy.
4. Patient position.
5. Safety measures.
6. Machine operation.
7. Exposure techniques and accessories.
8. Processing and dark room techniques.
9. Film critique and quality assurance.
10. Professionalism.
11. Recordkeeping.
12. Emergency procedures summary.

(b) The course of study shall include a final assessment of competency of the didactic and clinical components of the program.

(c) The certification program shall have a chiropractor licensed under ch. 446, Stats., present in the facility and available to the students of the course of study.

(2) A course of study the board determines is reasonably equivalent to the course of study under sub. (1).

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Chir 10.03 X–ray services. As provided under s. 446.02 (7) (d), Stats., a chiropractor may delegate x–ray services only to a chiropractic radiological technician or a health care professional acting within the scope of the health care professional’s license, registration, or certification. A chiropractor shall comply with s. Chir 4.04 before delegating the performance of x–ray services to a chiropractic radiological technician or a health care professional.

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