

**Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
Proposed Regulatory Language for the Use of Lasers  
California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 4, Article 1**

**§ 302.5. Use of Laser**

(a) A duly licensed chiropractor and any person under their direct or indirect supervision, as defined in section 312, shall:

(1) Not use any laser in the practice of chiropractic which has not been properly approved or cleared by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

(2) Not market or advertise the use of a laser or use a laser for purposes other than treatment consistent with section 302 and the product's FDA approval or clearance.

(3) Follow the manufacturer's specified guidelines for the safe use of laser.

(4) Comply with all state and federal laws governing the use of lasers in clinical settings.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the use of a laser by a chiropractor outside of the chiropractic scope of practice. This includes, but is not limited to, laser ablation or surgical procedures, and laser treatment of allergies in cases where there is a known risk of anaphylactic reaction to the individual being treated.

(c) Any violation of this section may constitute unprofessional conduct and the licensee shall be subject to discipline by the Board.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1000-4(b), 1000-4(e) and 1000-10(a), Business and Professions Code (Chiropractic Initiative Act of California Stats. 1923 p. 1xxxviii).  
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