CHIROPRACTIC TOP ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS

Here are examples of frequent violations that may result in disciplinary actions. Visit the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE) website (**www.chiro.ca.gov**) and click on the links for Rules and Regulations (**www.chiro.ca.gov/laws_regs/regulations.pdf**) and the Initiative Act (**www.chiro.ca.gov/laws_regs/initiative_act.shtml**) for more information on all possible grounds of discipline.

BEYOND SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- Performing surgical procedures
- Furnishing/prescribing controlled substances
- Claiming to treat/cure cancer

CONVICTION OF A CRIME(S)

- Theft
- Domestic violence
- DUI
- Vandalism

EXCESSIVE TREATMENT

- Treatment beyond what is reasonable/necessary or within the standard of care
- Failure to document necessity (conduct a thorough exam, diagnose the condition, implement a treatment plan, and conduct follow-up exams to assess progress)

FAILURE TO RELEASE PATIENT RECORDS WITHIN 15 DAYS OF REQUEST

- Includes requests from patient, patient attorney, patient representative, insurance company, or BCE representatives

FALSE AND/OR MISLEADING ADVERTISING

- Sensational claims
- No "D.C." after chiropractor's name
- Fraud/misrepresentation

INSURANCE FRAUD

- Double billing
- Billing for service not rendered
- Upcoding
- Excessive treatment

NEGLIGENCE/INCOMPETENCE

- Physical harm to patient
- Failure to exercise appropriate standard of care

PAYMENT FOR REFERRALS

- Discounts
- Cash/gift cards
- Free services

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

- Erotic behavior
- Inappropriate touching
- Sexual contact or having sexual relations with a patient, client, customer, or employee

UNLICENSED PRACTICE

- Practicing after license expired
- Failing to promptly renew
- Aiding and abetting unlicensed individuals

VIOLATION(S) INVOLVING DRUGS/ALCOHOL

- DUI
- Possession or use of any illicit drugs
- Practicing while impaired
- Prescription medication abuse

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