

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