

Investigations Report

Chiropractic Physician Cases

Cases January 1 to June 30, 2026

Total Cases Investigated:	5
Total Complaints:	12
Actions Taken:	0
Open Investigations:	3 (Two cases opened Prior to Jan 1)

Complaint Types:

Unprofessional Conduct	3
Sexual Misconduct	1
Unlicensed Practice	1

R156. Commerce, ~~[Occupational and]~~ Professional Licensing.

R156-73. Chiropractic Physician Practice Act Rule.

R156-73-101. Title - Authority - Relationship to Rule R156-1.

- (1) This rule is known as the "Chiropractic Physician Practice Act Rule."[:]
- (2) This rule is adopted by the Division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the Division to administer Title 58, Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice Act.
- (3) The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-101.

R156-73-102. Definitions.

The terms used in this rule are defined in Title 58, Chapter 1, Division of Professional Licensing Act and in Title 58, Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice Act.
In addition~~[to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 73, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 73, or this rule]:~~

~~[(1) "Clinical acupuncture" means the application of mechanical, thermal, manual, and/or electrical stimulation of acupuncture points and meridians, including the insertion of needles, by a chiropractic physician that has demonstrated competency and training by completing a recognized course that is sponsored by an institution or organization approved to sponsor continuing education, as defined in Section R156-73-303b.]~~

(1) "ACA Code of Ethics" means the American Chiropractic Association Code of Ethics, 2023 edition, which is incorporated by reference.

(2) "Distance learning" means the acquisition of knowledge and skills through information and instruction encompassing all technologies and other forms of learning at a distance, including internet, audio/visual recordings, mail or other correspondence.

(3) "FCLB" means the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

(4) "Indirect supervision" means the supervising licensed chiropractic physician~~[- shall be]:~~

(a) is available for immediate voice contact by [telephone, radio,]electronic or other means; and

(b) shall provide daily face to face consultation and review of cases at the chiropractic facility for the chiropractic intern, temporarily licensed, or unlicensed person being supervised.

(5) "Joint mobilization"~~[:]~~ as used in Subsection 58-73-601(2)(c)(ii)(B) means passive movements done by another person, applied as a series of stretches or repetitive movements to individual or combinations of joints, not to exceed the end range of motion and stopping short of the articular elastic barrier.

(6) "NBCE" means the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(7) "PACE" means Providers of Approved Continuing Education sponsored by the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

(8) "Practice of acupuncture" means the same as defined in Subsection 58-72-102(5).

~~(8)~~9 "Preceptor" means a licensed chiropractic physician who is a supervisor of interns and externs in the professional practice of chiropractic.

([9]10) "Preceptorship" means a supervised training program established by a written contract between a chiropractic college or university whose program or institution is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, Inc., and a licensee for the purpose of providing chiropractic training to a student enrolled in the chiropractic college or university while under the supervision of a licensee.

([40]11) "Unprofessional conduct" [;] as defined in Title 58, Chapter[s] 1 and 73, is further defined in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(5), in Section R156-73-501.

~~[R156-73-103. Authority – Purpose.~~

~~_____ This rule is adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1)(a) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 73.~~

~~R156-73-104. Organization – Relationship to Rule R156-1.~~

~~_____ The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.]~~

~~R156-73-302. [Good Moral Character – Disqualifying Convictions]~~Grounds for Denial of License.

(1) When reviewing an application ~~[to determine the good moral character of an applicant as set forth in Section 58-73-302 and whether the applicant has been involved in unprofessional conduct as set forth in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(c)]~~for licensure under Title 58, Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, including sections 58-1-401 and 58-1-501, the Division ~~[and]~~in collaboration with the Board shall consider the applicant's criminal record~~[as follows:]~~ in accordance with this section.

~~_____ (a) a criminal conviction for a sex offense as defined in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4 and Chapter 5a, and Title 76, Chapter 10, Parts 12 and 13, shall disqualify an applicant from becoming licensed; or~~

~~_____ (b) a criminal conviction for the following crimes may disqualify an applicant from becoming licensed:~~

~~_____ (i) crimes against a person as defined in Title 76, Chapter 5, Parts 1, 2 and 3;~~

~~_____ (ii) crimes against property as defined in Title 76, Chapter 6, Parts 1 through 6;~~

~~_____ (iii) any offense involving controlled dangerous substances; or~~

~~_____ (iv) conspiracy to commit or any attempt to commit any of the above offenses.~~

~~_____ (2) An applicant who has a criminal conviction for a felony crime of violence may be considered ineligible for licensure for a period of seven years from the termination of parole, probation, judicial proceeding or date of incident, whichever is later.~~

~~_____ (3) An applicant who has a criminal conviction for a felony involving a controlled substance may be considered ineligible for licensure for a period of five years from the termination of parole, probation, judicial proceeding or date of incident, whichever is later.~~

~~_____ (4) An applicant who has a criminal conviction for any misdemeanor crime of violence or the use of a controlled substance may be considered ineligible for licensure for a period of three years from the termination of parole, probation, judicial proceeding or date of incident, whichever is later.~~

~~_____ (5) Each application for licensure or renewal of licensure shall be considered in accordance with the requirements of Section R156-1-302.]~~

(2) This section applies to an applicant who has received or entered any of the following:

- (a) a criminal conviction;
- (b) a plea of nolo contendere; or
- (c) a plea of guilty or nolo contendere that is held in abeyance pending the successful completion of probation.

(3) An applicant with a record described in Subsection (2) shall be disqualified from licensure for an offense as defined in:

- (a) Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses;
- (b) Title 76, Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act;
- (c) Title 76, Chapter 5c, Pornographic and Harmful Materials and Performances; or
- (d) Title 76, Chapter 5d, Prostitution.

(4) An applicant with a record described in Subsection (2) may be disqualified from licensure for any of the following:

- (a) an offense against an individual as defined in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 1, Assault and Related Crimes, Part 2, Criminal Homicide, Part 3, Kidnapping, Trafficking, and Smuggling, or Part 7, Genital Mutilation;
- (b) an offense against property as defined in Title 76, Chapter 6, Offenses Against Property;
- (c) a felony offense involving a controlled substance; or
- (d) conspiracy to commit or attempt to commit any of the offenses listed in Subsections (3) and (4).

(5) An applicant with a record described in Subsection (2) for a violent felony as defined in Section 76-3-203.5 may be disqualified from licensure for a period of seven years from the termination of parole, probation, judicial proceeding, or date of incident whichever is later.

(6) An applicant with a record described in Subsection (2) may be disqualified from licensure for a period of five years from the termination of parole, probation, judicial proceeding, or date of incident, whichever is later, for any of the following:

- (a) a felony involving a controlled substance; or
- (b) a misdemeanor crime of violence.

R156-73-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Education Requirements.

~~[In accordance with]~~ Under Subsection 58-73-302(1)(~~[d]~~c), graduation from a chiropractic college or university whose program or institution is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, Inc., is evidence of having ~~[satisfactorily]~~ completed at least two years of general study in a college or university.

R156-73-302b. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.

- (1) ~~[In accordance with]~~(a) Under Subsection 58-73-302(1)(~~[f]~~e)(i), the approved written clinical competency examination is the National Chiropractic Board Part 3 ~~[or the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC)]~~ administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

~~_____~~ (b) The passing score shall be established by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(2) ~~[In accordance with]~~(a) Under Subsection 58-73-302(1)(~~[f]e~~)(iii), the approved practical examination is the National Chiropractic Board Part 4 ~~[(practical examination)]~~ administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

~~_____~~ (b) The passing score shall be established by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

R156-73-30[3]2c. Temporary License.

~~[In accordance with]~~Under Subsections 58-1-303(1)(a) and 58-73-302(2), an endorsement applicant may be issued a temporary license for a period of not more than six months under the following conditions:

(1) The licensee shall work under the indirect supervision of a chiropractic physician approved by the ~~[d]~~Division.

(2) The supervising chiropractic physician shall:

(a) be available at all times to provide advice, instruction and consultation;

(b) assume responsibility for all chiropractic activities and services performed by the temporary licensee; and

(c) supervise no more than two ~~[persons]~~individuals at any given time.

(3) The temporary license may not be renewed or extended for any purpose.

(4) Any change in supervising chiropractic physician shall be preapproved by the ~~[d]~~Division.

R156-73-303. Licensing Term - Renewal and Reinstatement Procedures.

(1) Under Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle for individuals licensed under Title 58, Chapter 73, Chiropractic Physician Practice Act is established in Section R156-1-308a.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Sections R156-1-308b through R156-1-308l.

R156-73-303a. Continuing Education~~[-Renewal Requirement]~~.

(1) ~~[In accordance with]~~Under Subsection 58-73-303(2), each licensee shall complete 40 hours of continuing education in each ~~[preceding-]two[-]-year [period-of-licensure]~~renewal cycle.

(2) ~~[The required number of hours of continuing education for an individual who first becomes licensed during the two-year period shall be prorated to the part of that two-year period during which the person is licensed]~~If a licensee first becomes licensed during the two-year renewal cycle, the licensee's required number of continuing education hours shall be decreased proportionately according to the date of licensure.

~~[~~ ~~R156-73-303b. Continuing Education - Standards.~~

~~_____~~~~(1)~~(3) The standards for continuing education are as follows:

(a) the content ~~[must]~~shall be relevant to chiropractic practice and consistent with the laws and rules of this state;

(b) the course ~~[must]~~shall be under the sponsorship of or approved by:

- (i) a chiropractic college or university whose doctor of chiropractic program is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, Inc.;
 - (ii) a professional or nonprofit organization or association representing a licensed profession that has open membership and election of officers whose program objectives relate to the practice of chiropractic;
 - (iii) the ~~[licensing agency of Utah]~~Division or another state licensing agency; or
 - (iv) PACE;
 - (c) learning objectives ~~[must]~~shall be reasonably and clearly stated;
 - (d) teaching methods ~~[must]~~shall be clearly stated and appropriate;
 - (e) faculty ~~[must]~~shall be qualified~~[-, both in]~~ through experience and ~~[in]~~ teaching expertise;
 - (f) documentation of attendance ~~[must]~~shall be provided;
 - (g) ~~[there shall be]~~ no more than four clock hours may be related to chiropractic practice marketing or practice building;
 - (h) no more than ~~[40]~~ten hours of continuing education, in each two~~[-]~~-year ~~[period of licensure]~~renewal cycle, may be by distance learning.
- ~~[(2) A licensee shall be responsible for maintaining competent records of completed continuing education for a period of two years after close of the two-year period to which the records pertain.~~
- ~~[(3) The board may, after review, waive the continuing education requirements for a licensee presenting sufficient evidence of hardship or illness or other reason making it impossible or highly impractical for the licensee to attend or have attended a sufficient number of continuing education classes.]~~
- (4) A licensee shall maintain documentation sufficient to prove compliance with this section for two years after the end of the two-year renewal cycle for which the continuing education is due.
- (5) The Division may defer or waive continuing education requirements as provided in Section R156-1-308d.
- ~~[(4)]~~6 As part of the 40 continuing education hours required every two years, a chiropractic physician~~[,]~~ who ~~[provides acupuncture services]~~engages in the practice of acupuncture as a part of their practice~~[,]~~ shall complete ~~[40]~~ten hours of acupuncture related continuing education.

R156-73-304. Preceptorship - Approved Form of Supervision.

~~[In accordance with]~~Under Subsection 58-73-304(2)~~(b)~~, the approved form of supervision is defined, clarified, or established as follows:

- (1) The supervising preceptor shall:
 - (a) be licensed in good standing in Utah and have practiced as a licensed chiropractic physician for the past five years;
 - (b) have entered into a written contract with an approved college or university to provide chiropractic training to a preceptee; and
 - (c) provide direct supervision on the premises, either personally or by delegating to another chiropractic physician who is licensed in good standing

in Utah and who has practiced as a licensed chiropractic physician for the past five years.

(2) The preceptor or ~~[his]~~the designee ~~[must]~~shall remain on the premises at all times while the preceptee is performing the following procedures as allowed under Subsection 58-73-304(2):

- (a) adjusting of the articulation of the spinal column or extremities;
- (b) diagnosis of the articulation of the spinal column or extremities;
- (c) manipulation of the articulation of the spinal column or extremities; ~~[-and]~~
- (d) therapeutic positioning of the articulation of the spinal column ~~[-]~~ or extremities;
- (e) administration of injections; and
- (f) acupuncture.

R156-73-305. Maintenance of Records.

Under Section 58-73-602, to maintain records in sufficient detail in accordance with Subsection 58-73-501(4), a licensee shall maintain the required detailed records for at least five years from the date of last treatment.

~~[R156-73-308. Renewal Cycle -- Procedures.~~

~~—— (1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 73, is established by rule in Section R156-1-308a.~~

~~—— (2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308c.]~~

R156-73-501. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) keeping the office, instruments, laboratory, equipment, appliances or supplies in an unsafe or unsanitary condition;

(2) engaging in advertising that:

(a) is misleading because of omission of necessary material information;
(b) contains false or misleading statements;
(c) operates to deceive; or
(d) otherwise violates the ACA Code of Ethics; ~~[-which is misleading because of omission of necessary material information, which contains false or misleading statements, or which otherwise operates to deceive;]~~

(3) engaging in or aiding or abetting deceptive or fraudulent billing practices;

(4) engaging in sexual activity or sexual conduct ~~[contact]~~ with:

(a) a patient, with or without patient consent, within 12 months of last treatment;

(b) a former patient, with or without consent, within 12 months of last treatment if there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the former patient; or

(c) a trainee, assistant, employee, or colleague over whom the licensee has supervisory or management responsibility;

(5) engaging in or aiding or abetting sexual harassment or any conduct that is exploitive or abusive with respect to a trainee, assistant, employee, or colleague over whom the licensee has supervisory or management responsibility;

~~[—— (5) engaging in sexual activities or contact with a former patient, with or without consent, after 12 months of last treatment if there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the former patient;]~~

(6) engaging in behaviors in a patient~~[/doctor]-~~physician relationship, including verbal, electronic, or other means, ~~[intended to]~~which may sexually arouse an[y person]individual or encourage sexual activity;

(7) ~~[failing to keep the division informed of a current address and telephone number]~~failing to maintain responsibility for care, billing or documentation in a group practice, multidisciplinary practice, or third-party ownership practice;

(8) advertising acupuncture services or ~~[practicing clinical acupuncture techniques]~~engaging in the practice of acupuncture beyond the scope of the certification held;

(9) advertising or otherwise claiming to be ~~[as an]~~a ~~[“]licensed~~ acupuncturist~~[“]~~ either verbally or in ~~[print]~~writing;

~~[—— (10) failing to maintain responsibility for care, billing and documentation in a group practice, multidisciplinary practice or third-party ownership practice;]~~

(1~~[4]~~0) engaging in any act or practice in a professional capacity which the licensee is not competent to perform through education or training;

(1~~[2]~~1) administering injections through the skin, limited to subcutaneous or intramuscular administration, of any substances other than non-prescription drugs as defined in Subsections 58-17b-102(39) or non-controlled substances as defined in Subsection 58-37-~~[2(1)(f)(ii)]~~102(e)(ii);

(1~~[3]~~2) ~~[administering injections of non-prescription drugs or non-controlled substances without sufficient competency and training as demonstrated by the following:~~

~~—— (a) completion of a recognized course on injectables and their administration, under the sponsorship of or approved by an institution, organization or association meeting the continuing education standards as defined in Section R156-73-303b; and~~

~~—— (b) receiving a passing score on a certifying examination; and]~~engaging in the practice of acupuncture without sufficient competency and training in accordance with Section R156-73-601;

(1~~[4]~~3) delegating the administration of injections to a chiropractic assistant~~[.];~~

~~(14) failing to conform to the generally accepted and recognized standards and ethics of the chiropractic profession, including those in the ACA Code of Ethics;~~

(15) failing to comply with an administrative investigation under Subsection 58-1-106(1)(b), including failing to comply with an investigative subpoena or an order regarding an investigative subpoena; or

(16) violating Subsection 58-73-501(4) or Section R156-73-305.

R156-73-502. Chiropractic Assistant.

~~[In accordance with]~~Under Subsection 58-73-102(3), a chiropractic assistant may perform activities related to the practice of chiropractic in accordance with the following:

(1) The supervising chiropractic physician shall:

- (a) be currently licensed in Utah;
 - (b) be responsible for the chiropractic activities and services performed by the assistant; and
 - (c) always be available to provide advice, instruction, and consultation.
- (2) The supervising chiropractic physician ~~[shall never]~~ may not delegate the following to a chiropractic assistant:
- (a) adjustment of the articulation of the spinal column;
 - (b) diagnosis of the articulation of the spinal column;
 - (c) manipulation of the articulation of the spinal column;
 - (d) therapeutic positioning of the articulation of the spinal column; and
 - (e) administration of injections per Subsection R156-73-501(1) ~~[4]~~ 3.

R156-73-601. Competency Requirements to Perform Acupuncture.

~~[The requirements]~~ Under Section 58-1-501 and Subsection 58-72-304(4), to
~~[demonstrate competency and training to perform clinical]~~ engage in the practice of
acupuncture ~~[include]~~ a licensee shall:

- (1) (a) meet the requirements to take the NBCE Acupuncture Examination;
and
(b) receive a passing score on the NBCE Acupuncture Examination; or
- (2) (a) meet the requirements to take the National Certification Board of
Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (NCBAHM) Examination; and
(b) receive a passing score on the NCBAHM Examination.

~~[(1) Licensees who provided acupuncture services as a part of their practice prior to January 1, 2002 are not required to meet the requirements of Subsections (2) or (3), but are required to complete a recognized clinical acupuncture course sponsored by an institution or organization approved to sponsor continuing education, as defined in Section R156-73-303b, consisting of at least 100 classroom hours of instruction and passing a certifying examination in order to continue to provide clinical acupuncture as a part of their practice after January 1, 2002.~~

~~[(2) Licensees who begin providing clinical acupuncture as a part of their practice on or after January 1, 2002 and prior to January 1, 2005 shall:~~

~~[(a) complete a recognized clinical acupuncture course sponsored by an institution or organization approved to sponsor continuing education, as defined in Section R156-73-303b, consisting of at least 200 classroom hours of instruction and passing a certifying examination; or~~

~~[(b) complete a recognized clinical acupuncture course sponsored by an institution or organization approved to sponsor continuing education, as defined in Section R156-73-303b, consisting of at least 100 classroom hours of instruction, passing a certifying examination, and completing 100 hours of clinical experience under the indirect supervision of a licensed health care provider who has met the requirements in Subsection (1) or (2)(a), and has practiced clinical acupuncture for at least two years.~~

~~[(3) Licensees who begin providing clinical acupuncture as a part of their practice on or after January 1, 2005 shall:~~

~~[(a) meet the requirements to take and receive a passing score on the NBCE Acupuncture Examination; or~~

~~_____ (b) meet the requirements to take and receive a passing score on the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) Examination.]~~

R156-73-602. Advisory Peer Committee Created - Membership - Duties.

~~[In accordance with]~~ Under Subsection 58-73-602(3), there is created the Quality and Standards Committee as an advisory peer committee to the Chiropractic Physician Licensing Board consisting of five chiropractic physicians licensed and in good standing in Utah who are qualified by education, training, and experience to competently act in quality care review.

R156-73-603. Standards for Practice of Animal Chiropractic.

~~[In accordance with]~~ Under Subsection 58-28-307(12)(a), a chiropractic physician practicing animal chiropractic shall have completed an animal chiropractic course approved by the American Chiropractic Veterinary Association (ACVA) or another course that is substantially equivalent to the ACVA course.

~~**[R156-73-605. Review of Applicant's Qualification for Licensure.**~~

~~_____ All new licensees may be requested to attend a regularly scheduled Board meeting within six months of license activation at which time their qualifications may be reviewed.]~~

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