



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 180
[2017 Assembly Bill 260]

Chiropractic Services

2017 Wisconsin Act 180 makes various changes to laws governing chiropractors and chiropractic services. The modifications relate to delegation of services by a chiropractor, performance of certain medical examinations by a chiropractor, and determinations related to the licensure and practice of chiropractors by the Chiropractic Examining Board (CEB).

DELEGATION OF SERVICES

The Act authorizes a chiropractor to delegate certain services that are preparatory or complementary to chiropractic adjustments to various specified licensed health care professionals. The services must be performed under the direct, on-premises supervision of the chiropractor. Under prior law, a chiropractor was permitted to delegate such services only to a chiropractic technician.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Act provides that a licensed chiropractor who has a valid Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) medical examiner certification credential may conduct medical examinations for the FMCSA.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Act modifies several administrative rules promulgated by CEB related to the licensure and practice of chiropractors, as follows:

- Removes a requirement that a chiropractic student must be in his or her last academic quarter, semester, or trimester in order to qualify for a preceptorship.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

- Clarifies exceptions to the provision specifying that “acupuncture by needle insertion or invasive laser application” falls outside of the scope of the practice of chiropractic. The Act specifies that this provision does not prohibit the use of cold laser therapy by a licensed chiropractor, nor does it prohibit the practice of acupuncture by a licensed chiropractor who is also a certified acupuncturist at the same location where he or she practices chiropractic.

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