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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1 AN ACT *to renumber* 446.05 (1) and subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes  
2 448.980]; *to amend* 15.085 (1m) (b), 15.406 (4) (a), 29.193 (1m) (a) 2. (intro.),  
3 29.193 (2) (b) 2., 29.193 (2) (c) 3., 29.193 (2) (cd) 2. b., 29.193 (2) (cd) 2. c., 29.193  
4 (2) (e), 45.40 (1g) (a), 49.45 (9), 50.36 (3) (a), 50.36 (3) (b), 50.36 (3) (c), 50.39 (3),  
5 77.54 (14) (b), 77.54 (14) (c), 77.54 (14) (d), 77.54 (14) (f) 7., 102.13 (1) (a), 102.13  
6 (1) (b) (intro.), 102.13 (1) (b) 1., 102.13 (1) (b) 3., 102.13 (1) (b) 4., 102.13 (1) (d)  
7 1., 102.13 (1) (d) 2., 102.13 (1) (d) 3., 102.13 (1) (d) 4., 102.13 (2) (a), 102.13 (2)  
8 (b), 102.13 (3), 102.16 (3), 102.17 (1) (d) 1., 102.17 (1) (d) 2., 102.17 (1) (e), 102.17  
9 (1) (g), 102.29 (3), 102.42 (1), 102.42 (2) (a), 102.61 (1g) (c), 118.15 (3) (a), 118.29  
10 (1) (e), 146.37 (1g), 146.89 (1) (r) 1., 146.903 (1) (b), 146.997 (1) (d) 4., 155.01 (7),  
11 185.981 (1), 185.981 (2), 185.981 (3), 185.981 (4) (a), 185.982 (1), 185.982 (2),  
12 254.35 (3) (c), 254.39 (1), 255.06 (1) (d), 257.01 (5) (a), 257.01 (5) (b), 287.07 (7)  
13 (c) 1. a., 341.14 (1a), 341.14 (1e) (a), 341.14 (1m), 341.14 (1q), 343.51 (1), 343.62  
14 (4) (a) 4., 441.001 (3) (a), 441.001 (4) (b), 446.02 (6m), 446.026 (1) (a), 448.03 (2)  
15 (a), 448.52 (2m) (a), 448.52 (2m) (b), 448.56 (1), 448.56 (1m) (b), 448.956 (1m),

1 448.956 (3) (c), 448.956 (4), 450.10 (3) (a) 5., 454.02 (2) (a), 462.04, 609.70 (title),  
2 628.46 (2m) (a), 632.32 (2) (am), 632.64, 632.87 (3) (a) (intro.), 632.87 (3) (a) 1.,  
3 632.87 (3) (a) 2., 632.87 (3) (b) (intro.), 632.87 (3) (b) 1., 632.87 (3) (b) 2., 632.87  
4 (3) (b) 3., 632.87 (3) (b) 4., 632.875 (1) (b), 632.875 (1) (c), 632.875 (2) (intro.),  
5 632.875 (2) (b), 632.875 (3) (a), 632.875 (3) (b), 632.99, 655.45 (1), 895.453 (title),  
6 895.453 (2) (intro.), 895.453 (2) (b), 895.453 (2) (e), 895.453 (3), 895.453 (4) (a),  
7 895.453 (4) (b), 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.), 895.48 (1m) (a) 2., 905.04 (title), 905.04  
8 (1) (b), 905.04 (1) (c), 905.04 (2), 905.04 (3), 905.04 (4) (a), 905.04 (4) (e) 3., 949.01  
9 (4), 949.04 (3) and 961.01 (19) (a); and **to create** 15.406 (7), 48.981 (2) (a) 6m.,  
10 49.46 (2) (b) 11m., 77.54 (14) (f) 7m., 146.81 (1) (ev), 180.1901 (1m) (bw), 252.14  
11 (1) (ar) 4r., 440.03 (13) (b) 53s., 440.08 (2) (a) 60s., 446.02 (7d) (d), 446.05 (1) (b),  
12 448.21 (1) (f), subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.971], 450.11 (8) (f),  
13 462.02 (2) (g), 632.875 (1) (am), 632.875 (1) (dm), 895.453 (1) (am) and 905.04  
14 (1) (bd) of the statutes; **relating to:** licensure of primary spinal care  
15 practitioners, granting rule-making authority, and providing a criminal  
16 penalty.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill establishes a licensure program for primary spinal care practitioners to be administered by the Spinal Medicine Affiliated Credentialing Board, which is created in the bill and attached to the Medical Examining Board. The affiliated credentialing board consists of three primary spinal care practitioners, one physician licensed by the Medical Examining Board, and one public member, all of whom serve staggered four-year terms.

Under the bill, a primary spinal care practitioner is an individual who possesses the degree of doctor of chiropractic medicine or equivalent degree as determined by the affiliated credentialing board. The bill defines “spinal medicine” in relevant part as the integration and application of the practice of chiropractic and the practice of medicine and surgery, both as defined under current law, that is limited to conditions of the spine and the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, and

nervous systems. The practice of spinal medicine does not include surgery or, unless under the direction of a physician, the administration of a general anesthetic.

Under the bill, and subject to certain exceptions, a person may practice spinal medicine in Wisconsin only if he or she is licensed by the affiliated credentialing board as a primary spinal care practitioner. The affiliated credentialing board may grant a license to practice spinal medicine to an applicant who, among other things, has practiced as a licensed chiropractor in good standing with the Chiropractic Examining Board for at least two years and has a degree of doctor of spinal medicine or equivalent degree from a program in chiropractic medicine approved by the affiliated credentialing board. A licensed primary spinal care practitioner must keep current his or her chiropractor license with the Chiropractic Examining Board.

The bill requires the affiliated credentialing board to establish continuing education requirements for licensed primary spinal care practitioners and authorizes up to 80 percent of those hours to count toward the continuing education requirements for a chiropractor license held with the Chiropractic Examining Board. The bill requires at least 50 percent of those hours to include evidence-based pharmacology and medical procedures-based training. Under the bill, a licensed primary spinal care practitioner has authority to prescribe and administer prescription drugs.

The bill requires primary spinal care practitioners to maintain specific levels of malpractice liability insurance coverage and establishes various requirements with respect to fee splitting and billing for services. Those malpractice insurance, fee splitting, and billing requirements, as well as other requirements in the bill, are substantially similar to the requirements for podiatrists under current law.

The bill also treats primary spinal care practitioners similar to chiropractors in some respects. For example, the bill requires primary spinal care practitioners to refer a patient to a physician if the primary spinal care practitioner determines that the patient's condition is beyond the scope of the practice of spinal medicine. Also, the bill includes insurance coverage parity requirements that closely track the coverage requirements for treatment provided by chiropractors.

The bill requires the affiliated credentialing board and the Chiropractic Examining Board each to refer to the other board for investigation an allegation of a violation by a primary spinal care practitioner of the laws administered by that other board. If the alleged conduct involves a violation both of the laws applicable to primary spinal care practitioners and of the laws applicable to chiropractors, the bill requires the two boards to consult concerning the investigation of that alleged conduct. Otherwise, the affiliated credentialing board's authority to investigate misconduct and discipline licensed primary spinal care practitioners is typical of that for other similar boards, especially the Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 15.085 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           15.085 (1m) (b) The public members of the podiatry affiliated credentialing  
3 board, spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board, or occupational therapists  
4 affiliated credentialing board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation  
5 concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

6           **SECTION 2.** 15.406 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           15.406 (4) (a) Four athletic trainers who are licensed under subch. VI of ch. 448  
8 and who have not been issued a credential in athletic training by a governmental  
9 authority in a jurisdiction outside this state. One of the athletic trainer members  
10 may also be licensed under ch. 446 or 447 or subch. II, III ~~or~~ IV, or VIII of ch. 448.

11           **SECTION 3.** 15.406 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

12           15.406 (7) SPINAL MEDICINE AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD. There is created  
13 in the department of safety and professional services, attached to the medical  
14 examining board, a spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board consisting of the  
15 following members appointed for 4-year terms:

16           (a) Three primary spinal care practitioners who are licensed under subch. VIII  
17 of ch. 448.

18           (b) A physician, as defined in s. 448.01 (5).

19           (c) One public member.

20           **SECTION 4.** 29.193 (1m) (a) 2. (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2015  
21 Wisconsin Act 97, is amended to read:

22           29.193 (1m) (a) 2. (intro.) Has a permanent substantial loss of function in one  
23 or both arms or one or both hands and fails to meet the minimum standards of any  
24 one of the following standard tests, administered under the direction of a licensed

1 physician, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed primary spinal care practitioner,  
2 a licensed chiropractor, or a certified advanced practice nurse prescriber:

3 **SECTION 5.** 29.193 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
4 97, is amended to read:

5 29.193 (2) (b) 2. An applicant shall submit an application on a form prepared  
6 and furnished by the department, which shall include a written statement or report  
7 prepared and signed by a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, a  
8 licensed chiropractor, a licensed podiatrist, a licensed primary spinal care  
9 practitioner, or a certified advanced practice nurse prescriber prepared no more than  
10 6 months preceding the application and verifying that the applicant is physically  
11 disabled.

12 **SECTION 6.** 29.193 (2) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
13 97, is amended to read:

14 29.193 (2) (c) 3. The department may issue a Class B permit to an applicant  
15 who is ineligible for a permit under subd. 1., 2. or 2m. or who is denied a permit under  
16 subd. 1., 2. or 2m. if, upon review and after considering the physical condition of the  
17 applicant and the recommendation of a licensed physician, a licensed physician  
18 assistant, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed podiatrist, a licensed primary spinal  
19 care practitioner, or a certified advanced practice nurse prescriber selected by the  
20 applicant from a list of licensed physicians, licensed physician assistants, licensed  
21 chiropractors, licensed podiatrists, licensed primary spinal care practitioners, and  
22 certified advanced practice nurse prescribers compiled by the department, the  
23 department finds that issuance of a permit complies with the intent of this  
24 subsection. The use of this review procedure is discretionary with the department  
25 and all costs of the review procedure shall be paid by the applicant.

1           **SECTION 7.** 29.193 (2) (cd) 2. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin  
2 Act 97, is amended to read:

3           29.193 (2) (cd) 2. b. The person has a permanent substantial loss of function  
4 in one or both arms and fails to meet the minimum standards of the standard upper  
5 extremity pinch test, the standard grip test, or the standard nine-hole peg test,  
6 administered under the direction of a licensed physician, a licensed primary spinal  
7 care practitioner, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed chiropractor, or a certified  
8 advanced practice nurse prescriber.

9           **SECTION 8.** 29.193 (2) (cd) 2. c. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin  
10 Act 97, is amended to read:

11           29.193 (2) (cd) 2. c. The person has a permanent substantial loss of function in  
12 one or both shoulders and fails to meet the minimum standards of the standard  
13 shoulder strength test, administered under the direction of a licensed physician, a  
14 licensed primary spinal care practitioner, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed  
15 chiropractor, or a certified advanced practice nurse prescriber.

16           **SECTION 9.** 29.193 (2) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 97,  
17 is amended to read:

18           29.193 (2) (e) *Review of decisions.* An applicant denied a permit under this  
19 subsection, except a permit under par. (c) 3., may obtain a review of that decision by  
20 a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed chiropractor, a  
21 licensed podiatrist, a licensed primary spinal care practitioner, or a certified  
22 advanced practice nurse prescriber designated by the department and with an office  
23 located in the department district in which the applicant resides. The department  
24 shall pay for the cost of a review under this paragraph unless the denied application  
25 on its face fails to meet the standards set forth in par. (c) 1. or 2. A review under this

1 paragraph is the only method of review of a decision to deny a permit under this  
2 subsection and is not subject to further review under ch. 227.

3 **SECTION 10.** 45.40 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 45.40 (1g) (a) “Health care provider” means an advanced practice nurse  
5 prescriber certified under s. 441.16 (2), an audiologist licensed under ch. 459, a  
6 dentist licensed under ch. 447, an optometrist licensed under ch. 449, a physician  
7 licensed under s. 448.02, ~~or~~ a podiatrist licensed under s. 448.63, or a primary spinal  
8 care practitioner licensed under s. 448.9725.

9 **SECTION 11.** 48.981 (2) (a) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:

10 48.981 (2) (a) 6m. A primary spinal care practitioner.

11 **SECTION 12.** 49.45 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.45 (9) FREE CHOICE. Any person eligible for medical assistance under s.  
13 49.46, 49.468, 49.47, or 49.471 may use the physician, chiropractor, dentist,  
14 pharmacist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, hospital, skilled nursing  
15 home, health maintenance organization, limited service health organization,  
16 preferred provider plan or other licensed, registered or certified provider of health  
17 care of his or her choice, except that free choice of a provider may be limited by the  
18 department if the department’s alternate arrangements are economical and the  
19 recipient has reasonable access to health care of adequate quality. The department  
20 may also require a recipient to designate, in any or all categories of health care  
21 providers, a primary health care provider of his or her choice. After such a  
22 designation is made, the recipient may not receive services from other health care  
23 providers in the same category as the primary health care provider unless such  
24 service is rendered in an emergency or through written referral by the primary  
25 health care provider. Alternate designations by the recipient may be made in

1 accordance with guidelines established by the department. Nothing in this  
 2 subsection shall vitiate the legal responsibility of the physician, chiropractor,  
 3 dentist, pharmacist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, skilled nursing  
 4 home, hospital, health maintenance organization, limited service health  
 5 organization, preferred provider plan or other licensed, registered or certified  
 6 provider of health care to patients. All contract and tort relationships with patients  
 7 shall remain, notwithstanding a written referral under this section, as though  
 8 dealings are direct between the physician, chiropractor, dentist, pharmacist,  
 9 podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, skilled nursing home, hospital, health  
 10 maintenance organization, limited service health organization, preferred provider  
 11 plan or other licensed, registered or certified provider of health care and the patient.  
 12 No physician, chiropractor, pharmacist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner,  
 13 or dentist may be required to practice exclusively in the medical assistance program.

14 **SECTION 13.** 49.46 (2) (b) 11m. of the statutes is created to read:

15 49.46 (2) (b) 11m. The services of primary spinal care specialists.

16 **SECTION 14.** 50.36 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 50.36 (3) (a) Any person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subch.  
 18 II of ch. 448 or, podiatry under subch. IV of ch. 448, or spinal medicine under subch.  
 19 VIII of ch. 448 shall be afforded an equal opportunity to obtain hospital staff  
 20 privileges and may not be denied hospital staff privileges solely for the reason that  
 21 the person is an osteopathic physician and surgeon or, a podiatrist, or a primary  
 22 spinal care practitioner. Each individual hospital shall retain the right to determine  
 23 whether the applicant's training, experience and demonstrated competence is  
 24 sufficient to justify the granting of hospital staff privileges or is sufficient to justify  
 25 the granting of limited hospital staff privileges.

Practitioners



1           **SECTION 15.** 50.36 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           50.36 (3) (b) If, as a result of peer investigation or written notice thereof, a  
3 hospital staff member who is licensed by the medical examining board ~~or~~, podiatry  
4 affiliated credentialing board, or spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board, for  
5 any reasons that include the quality of or ability to practice, loses his or her hospital  
6 staff privileges, has his or her hospital staff privileges reduced or resigns from the  
7 hospital staff, the hospital shall so notify the medical examining board ~~or~~, podiatry  
8 affiliated credentialing board, or spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board,  
9 whichever is applicable, within 30 days after the loss, reduction or resignation takes  
10 effect. Temporary suspension due to incomplete records need not be reported.

11           **SECTION 16.** 50.36 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           50.36 (3) (c) If, as a result of peer investigation or written notice thereof, a  
13 hospital staff member who is licensed by the medical examining board ~~or~~, podiatry  
14 affiliated credentialing board, or spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board, for  
15 reasons that do not include the quality of or ability to practice, loses his or her  
16 hospital staff privileges for 30 days or more, has his or her hospital staff privileges  
17 reduced for 30 days or more or resigns from the hospital staff for 30 days or more, the  
18 hospital shall so notify the medical examining board ~~or~~, podiatry affiliated  
19 credentialing board, or spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board, whichever is  
20 applicable, within 30 days after the loss, reduction or resignation takes effect.  
21 Temporary suspension due to incomplete records need not be reported.

22           **SECTION 17.** 50.39 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           50.39 (3) Facilities governed by ss. 45.50, 48.62, 49.70, 49.72, 50.02, 51.09, and  
24 252.10, juvenile correctional facilities as defined in s. 938.02 (10p), correctional  
25 institutions governed by the department of corrections under s. 301.02, and the

1 offices and clinics of persons licensed to treat the sick under chs. 446, 447, and 448  
2 are exempt from ss. 50.32 to 50.39. Sections 50.32 to 50.39 do not abridge the rights  
3 of the medical examining board, physical therapy examining board, podiatry  
4 affiliated credentialing board, spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board,  
5 dentistry examining board, pharmacy examining board, chiropractic examining  
6 board, and board of nursing in carrying out their statutory duties and  
7 responsibilities.

8 **SECTION 18.** 77.54 (14) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 77.54 (14) (b) Furnished by a licensed physician, surgeon, podiatrist, primary  
10 spinal care practitioner, or dentist to a patient who is a human being for treatment  
11 of the patient.

12 **SECTION 19.** 77.54 (14) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 77.54 (14) (c) Furnished by a hospital for treatment of any person pursuant to  
14 the order of a licensed physician, surgeon, podiatrist, primary spinal care  
15 practitioner, or dentist.

16 **SECTION 20.** 77.54 (14) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 77.54 (14) (d) Sold to a licensed physician, surgeon, podiatrist, primary spinal  
18 care practitioner, dentist, or hospital for the treatment of a human being.

19 **SECTION 21.** 77.54 (14) (f) 7. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 77.54 (14) (f) 7. A podiatrist who is licensed under subch. IV of ch. 448.

21 **SECTION 22.** 77.54 (14) (f) 7m. of the statutes is created to read:

22 77.54 (14) (f) 7m. A primary spinal care practitioner licensed under subch. VIII  
23 of ch. 448.

24 **SECTION 23.** 102.13 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           102.13 (1) (a) Except as provided in sub. (4), whenever compensation is claimed  
2 by an employee, the employee shall, upon the written request of the employee's  
3 employer or worker's compensation insurer, submit to reasonable examinations by  
4 physicians, chiropractors, psychologists, dentists, physician assistants, advanced  
5 practice nurse prescribers, ~~or podiatrists,~~ or primary spinal care practitioners  
6 provided and paid for by the employer or insurer. No employee who submits to an  
7 examination under this paragraph is a patient of the examining physician,  
8 chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse  
9 prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or primary spinal care practitioner for any purpose other  
10 than for the purpose of bringing an action under ch. 655, unless the employee  
11 specifically requests treatment from that physician, chiropractor, psychologist,  
12 dentist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~  
13 primary spinal care practitioner.

14           **SECTION 24.** 102.13 (1) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           102.13 (1) (b) (intro.) An employer or insurer who requests that an employee  
16 submit to reasonable examination under par. (a) or (am) shall tender to the employee,  
17 before the examination, all necessary expenses including transportation expenses.  
18 The employee is entitled to have a physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist,  
19 physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or primary  
20 spinal care practitioner provided by himself or herself present at the examination  
21 and to receive a copy of all reports of the examination that are prepared by the  
22 examining physician, chiropractor, psychologist, podiatrist, primary spinal care  
23 practitioner, dentist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, or  
24 vocational expert immediately upon receipt of those reports by the employer or  
25 worker's compensation insurer. The employee is also entitled to have a translator

1 provided by himself or herself present at the examination if the employee has  
2 difficulty speaking or understanding the English language. The employer's or  
3 insurer's written request for examination shall notify the employee of all of the  
4 following:

5 **SECTION 25.** 102.13 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 102.13 (1) (b) 1. The proposed date, time, and place of the examination and the  
7 identity and area of specialization of the examining physician, chiropractor,  
8 psychologist, dentist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, physician  
9 assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, or vocational expert.

10 **SECTION 26.** 102.13 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 102.13 (1) (b) 3. The employee's right to have his or her physician, chiropractor,  
12 psychologist, dentist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, or  
13 podiatrist, or primary spinal care practitioner present at the examination.

14 **SECTION 27.** 102.13 (1) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 102.13 (1) (b) 4. The employee's right to receive a copy of all reports of the  
16 examination that are prepared by the examining physician, chiropractor,  
17 psychologist, dentist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, physician  
18 assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, or vocational expert immediately  
19 upon receipt of these reports by the employer or worker's compensation insurer.

20 **SECTION 28.** 102.13 (1) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 102.13 (1) (d) 1. Any physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, podiatrist,  
22 primary spinal care practitioner, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse  
23 prescriber, or vocational expert who is present at any examination under par. (a) or  
24 (am) may be required to testify as to the results of the examination.

1           **SECTION 29.** 102.13 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
2 55, is amended to read:

3           102.13 (1) (d) 2. Any physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, physician  
4 assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or primary spinal care  
5 practitioner who attended a worker's compensation claimant for any condition or  
6 complaint reasonably related to the condition for which the claimant claims  
7 compensation may be required to testify before the division when the division so  
8 directs.

9           **SECTION 30.** 102.13 (1) (d) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
10 55, is amended to read:

11           102.13 (1) (d) 3. Notwithstanding any statutory provisions except par. (e), any  
12 physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, physician assistant, advanced  
13 practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or primary spinal care practitioner attending  
14 a worker's compensation claimant for any condition or complaint reasonably related  
15 to the condition for which the claimant claims compensation may furnish to the  
16 employee, employer, worker's compensation insurer, department, or division  
17 information and reports relative to a compensation claim.

18           **SECTION 31.** 102.13 (1) (d) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

19           102.13 (1) (d) 4. The testimony of any physician, chiropractor, psychologist,  
20 dentist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or  
21 primary spinal care practitioner who is licensed to practice where he or she resides  
22 or practices in any state and the testimony of any vocational expert may be received  
23 in evidence in compensation proceedings.

24           **SECTION 32.** 102.13 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
25 is amended to read:

1           102.13 (2) (a) An employee who reports an injury alleged to be work-related  
2 or files an application for hearing waives any physician-patient,  
3 psychologist-patient, or chiropractor-patient privilege with respect to any condition  
4 or complaint reasonably related to the condition for which the employee claims  
5 compensation. Notwithstanding ss. 51.30 and 146.82 and any other law, any  
6 physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, podiatrist, primary spinal care  
7 practitioner, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, hospital, or  
8 health care provider shall, within a reasonable time after written request by the  
9 employee, employer, worker's compensation insurer, department, or division, or its  
10 representative, provide that person with any information or written material  
11 reasonably related to any injury for which the employee claims compensation.

12           **SECTION 33.** 102.13 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           102.13 (2) (b) A physician, chiropractor, podiatrist, primary spinal care  
14 practitioner, psychologist, dentist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse  
15 prescriber, hospital, or health service provider shall furnish a legible, certified  
16 duplicate of the written material requested under par. (a) upon payment of the actual  
17 costs of preparing the certified duplicate, not to exceed the greater of 45 cents per  
18 page or \$7.50 per request, plus the actual costs of postage. Any person who refuses  
19 to provide certified duplicates of written material in the person's custody that is  
20 requested under par. (a) shall be liable for reasonable and necessary costs and,  
21 notwithstanding s. 814.04 (1), reasonable attorney fees incurred in enforcing the  
22 requester's right to the duplicates under par. (a).

23           **SECTION 34.** 102.13 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
24 is amended to read:

1           102.13 (3) If 2 or more physicians, chiropractors, psychologists, dentists, or  
2           podiatrists, or primary spinal care practitioners disagree as to the extent of an  
3           injured employee's temporary disability, the end of an employee's healing period, an  
4           employee's ability to return to work at suitable available employment or the  
5           necessity for further treatment or for a particular type of treatment, the department  
6           or the division may appoint another physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, or  
7           podiatrist, or primary spinal care practitioner to examine the employee and render  
8           an opinion as soon as possible. The department or the division shall promptly notify  
9           the parties of this appointment. If the employee has not returned to work, payment  
10          for temporary disability shall continue until the department or the division receives  
11          the opinion. The employer or its insurance carrier, or both, shall pay for the  
12          examination and opinion. The employer or insurance carrier, or both, shall receive  
13          appropriate credit for any overpayment to the employee determined by the  
14          department or the division after receipt of the opinion.

15           **SECTION 35.** 102.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           102.16 (3) No employer subject to this chapter may solicit, receive, or collect  
17           any money from an employee or any other person or make any deduction from their  
18           wages, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of discharging any liability under  
19           this chapter or recovering premiums paid on a contract described under s. 102.31 (1)  
20           (a) or a policy described under s. 102.315 (3), (4), or (5) (a); nor may any employer  
21           subject to this chapter sell to an employee or other person, or solicit or require the  
22           employee or other person to purchase, medical, chiropractic, podiatric, spinal  
23           medicine, psychological, dental, or hospital tickets or contracts for medical, surgical,  
24           hospital, or other health care treatment that is required to be furnished by that  
25           employer.

as defined in s. 448.471 (5)

1           **SECTION 36.** 102.17 (1) (d) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
2 55, is amended to read:

3           102.17 (1) (d) 1. The contents of certified medical and surgical reports by  
4 physicians, podiatrists, primary spinal care practitioners, surgeons, dentists,  
5 psychologists, physician assistants, advanced practice nurse prescribers, and  
6 chiropractors licensed in and practicing in this state, and of certified reports by  
7 experts concerning loss of earning capacity under s. 102.44 (2) and (3), presented by  
8 a party for compensation constitute prima facie evidence as to the matter contained  
9 in those reports, subject to any rules and limitations the division prescribes.  
10 Certified reports of physicians, podiatrists, primary spinal care practitioners,  
11 surgeons, dentists, psychologists, physician assistants, advanced practice nurse  
12 prescribers, and chiropractors, wherever licensed and practicing, who have  
13 examined or treated the claimant, and of experts, if the practitioner or expert  
14 consents to being subjected to cross-examination, also constitute prima facie  
15 evidence as to the matter contained in those reports. Certified reports of physicians,  
16 podiatrists, primary spinal care practitioners, surgeons, psychologists, and  
17 chiropractors are admissible as evidence of the diagnosis, necessity of the treatment,  
18 and cause and extent of the disability. Certified reports by doctors of dentistry,  
19 physician assistants, and advanced practice nurse prescribers are admissible as  
20 evidence of the diagnosis and necessity of treatment but not of the cause and extent  
21 of disability. Any physician, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, surgeon,  
22 dentist, psychologist, chiropractor, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse  
23 prescriber, or expert who knowingly makes a false statement of fact or opinion in a  
24 certified report may be fined or imprisoned, or both, under s. 943.395.



1           **SECTION 37.** 102.17 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
2 55, is amended to read:

3           102.17 (1) (d) 2. The record of a hospital or sanatorium in this state that is  
4 satisfactory to the division, established by certificate, affidavit, or testimony of the  
5 supervising officer of the hospital or sanatorium, any other person having charge of  
6 the record, or a physician, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, surgeon,  
7 dentist, psychologist, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, or  
8 chiropractor to be the record of the patient in question, and made in the regular  
9 course of examination or treatment of the patient, constitutes prima facie evidence  
10 as to the matter contained in the record, to the extent that the record is otherwise  
11 competent and relevant.

12           **SECTION 38.** 102.17 (1) (e) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
13 is amended to read:

14           102.17 (1) (e) The division may, with or without notice to any party, cause  
15 testimony to be taken, an inspection of the premises where the injury occurred to be  
16 made, or the time books and payrolls of the employer to be examined by any  
17 examiner, and may direct any employee claiming compensation to be examined by  
18 a physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, ~~or~~ podiatrist, or primary spinal care  
19 practitioner. The testimony so taken, and the results of any such inspection or  
20 examination, shall be reported to the division for its consideration upon final  
21 hearing. All ex parte testimony taken by the division shall be reduced to writing, and  
22 any party shall have opportunity to rebut that testimony on final hearing.

23           **SECTION 39.** 102.17 (1) (g) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
24 is amended to read:

1           102.17 (1) (g) Whenever the testimony presented at any hearing indicates a  
 2           dispute or creates a doubt as to the extent or cause of disability or death, the division  
 3           may direct that the injured employee be examined, that an autopsy be performed,  
 4           or that an opinion be obtained without examination or autopsy, by or from an  
 5           impartial, competent physician, chiropractor, dentist, psychologist ~~or~~, podiatrist, or  
 6           primary spinal care practitioner designated by the division who is not under contract  
 7           with or regularly employed by a compensation insurance carrier or self-insured  
 8           employer. The expense of the examination, autopsy, or opinion shall be paid by the  
 9           employer or, if the employee claims compensation under s. 102.81, from the  
 10          uninsured employers fund. The report of the examination, autopsy, or opinion shall  
 11          be transmitted in writing to the division and a copy of the report shall be furnished  
 12          by the division to each party, who shall have an opportunity to rebut the report on  
 13          further hearing.

14           **SECTION 40.** 102.29 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           102.29 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall prevent an employee from taking the  
 16           compensation that the employee may be entitled to under this chapter and also  
 17           maintaining a civil action against any physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist,  
 18           physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, ~~or~~ podiatrist, or primary  
 19           spinal care practitioner for malpractice.

20           **SECTION 41.** 102.42 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           102.42 (1) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEE. The employer shall supply such medical,  
 22           surgical, chiropractic, psychological, podiatric, spinal medicine, dental, and hospital  
 23           treatment, medicines, medical and surgical supplies, crutches, artificial members,  
 24           appliances, and training in the use of artificial members and appliances, or, at the  
 25           option of the employee, Christian Science treatment in lieu of medical treatment,

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1 medicines, and medical supplies, as may be reasonably required to cure and relieve  
2 from the effects of the injury, and to attain efficient use of artificial members and  
3 appliances, and in case of the employer's neglect or refusal seasonably to do so, or in  
4 emergency until it is practicable for the employee to give notice of injury, the  
5 employer shall be liable for the reasonable expense incurred by or on behalf of the  
6 employee in providing such treatment, medicines, supplies, and training. When the  
7 employer has knowledge of the injury and the necessity for treatment, the employer's  
8 failure to tender the necessary treatment, medicines, supplies, and training  
9 constitutes such neglect or refusal. The employer shall also be liable for reasonable  
10 expense incurred by the employee for necessary treatment to cure and relieve the  
11 employee from the effects of occupational disease prior to the time that the employee  
12 knew or should have known the nature of his or her disability and its relation to  
13 employment, and as to such treatment subs. (2) and (3) shall not apply. The  
14 obligation to furnish such treatment and appliances shall continue as required to  
15 prevent further deterioration in the condition of the employee or to maintain the  
16 existing status of such condition whether or not healing is completed.

17 **SECTION 42.** 102.42 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 102.42 (2) (a) When the employer has notice of an injury and its relationship  
19 to the employment, the employer shall offer to the injured employee his or her choice  
20 of any physician, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, physician assistant, advanced  
21 practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or primary spinal care practitioner licensed  
22 to practice and practicing in this state for treatment of the injury. By mutual  
23 agreement, the employee may have the choice of any qualified practitioner not  
24 licensed in this state. In case of emergency, the employer may arrange for treatment  
25 without tendering a choice. After the emergency has passed the employee shall be

1 given his or her choice of attending practitioner at the earliest opportunity. The  
2 employee has the right to a 2nd choice of attending practitioner on notice to the  
3 employer or its insurance carrier. Any further choice shall be by mutual agreement.  
4 Partners and clinics are considered to be one practitioner. Treatment by a  
5 practitioner on referral from another practitioner is considered to be treatment by  
6 one practitioner.

7 **SECTION 43.** 102.61 (1g) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act  
8 55, is amended to read:

9 102.61 (1g) (c) On receiving notice that he or she is eligible to receive vocational  
10 rehabilitation services under 29 USC 701 to 797a, an employee shall provide the  
11 employer with a written report from a physician, chiropractor, psychologist, or  
12 podiatrist, or primary spinal care practitioner stating the employee's permanent  
13 work restrictions. Within 60 days after receiving that report, the employer shall  
14 provide to the employee in writing an offer of suitable employment, a statement that  
15 the employer has no suitable employment for the employee, or a report from a  
16 physician, chiropractor, psychologist, or podiatrist, or primary spinal care  
17 practitioner showing that the permanent work restrictions provided by the  
18 employee's practitioner are in dispute and documentation showing that the  
19 difference in work restrictions would materially affect either the employer's ability  
20 to provide suitable employment or a vocational rehabilitation counselor's ability to  
21 recommend a rehabilitative training program. If the employer and employee cannot  
22 resolve the dispute within 30 days after the employee receives the employer's report  
23 and documentation, the employer or employee may request a hearing before the  
24 division to determine the employee's work restrictions. Within 30 days after the  
25 division determines the employee's work restrictions, the employer shall provide to

1 the employee in writing an offer of suitable employment or a statement that the  
2 employer has no suitable employment for the employee.

3 **SECTION 44.** 118.15 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.15 (3) (a) Any child who is excused by the school board because the child  
5 is temporarily not in proper physical or mental condition to attend a school program  
6 but who can be expected to return to a school program upon termination or  
7 abatement of the illness or condition. The school attendance officer may request the  
8 parent or guardian of the child to obtain a written statement from a licensed  
9 physician, primary spinal care practitioner, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist,  
10 psychologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, as defined in s. 255.06 (1) (d),  
11 or certified advanced practice nurse prescriber or Christian Science practitioner  
12 living and residing in this state, who is listed in the Christian Science Journal, as  
13 sufficient proof of the physical or mental condition of the child. An excuse under this  
14 paragraph shall be in writing and shall state the time period for which it is valid, not  
15 to exceed 30 days.

16 **SECTION 45.** 118.29 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 118.29 (1) (e) “Practitioner” means any physician, dentist, optometrist,  
18 physician assistant, advanced practice nurse prescriber, ~~or podiatrist,~~ or primary  
19 spinal care practitioner licensed in any state.

20 **SECTION 46.** 146.37 (1g) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 146.37 (1g) Except as provided in s. 153.76, no person acting in good faith who  
22 participates in the review or evaluation of the services of health care providers or  
23 facilities or the charges for such services conducted in connection with any program  
24 organized and operated to help improve the quality of health care, to avoid improper  
25 utilization of the services of health care providers or facilities or to determine the

1 reasonable charges for such services, or who participates in the obtaining of health  
 2 care information under subch. I of ch. 153, is liable for any civil damages as a result  
 3 of any act or omission by such person in the course of such review or evaluation. Acts  
 4 and omissions to which this subsection applies include, but are not limited to, acts  
 5 or omissions by peer review committees or hospital governing bodies in censuring,  
 6 reprimanding, limiting or revoking hospital staff privileges or notifying the medical  
 7 examining board or podiatry affiliated credentialing board, or spinal medicine  
 8 affiliated credentialing board under s. 50.36 or taking any other disciplinary action  
 9 against a health care provider or facility and acts or omissions by a medical director  
 10 in reviewing the performance of emergency medical technicians or ambulance  
 11 service providers.

12 SECTION 47. 146.81 (1) (ev) of the statutes is created to read:

13 146.81 (1) (ev) A primary spinal care practitioner licensed under subch. VIII  
 14 of ch. 448.

15 SECTION 48. 146.89 (1) (r) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 146.89 (1) (r) 1. Licensed as a physician under ch. 448, a dentist or dental  
 17 hygienist under ch. 447, a registered nurse, practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under  
 18 ch. 441, an optometrist under ch. 449, a physician assistant under ch. 448, a  
 19 pharmacist under ch. 450, a chiropractor under ch. 446, a podiatrist under subch. IV  
 20 of ch. 448, a primary spinal care practitioner licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448,  
 21 or a physical therapist under subch. III of ch. 448.

22 SECTION 49. 146.903 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 146.903 (1) (b) "Clinic" means a place, other than a residence or a hospital, that  
 24 is used primarily for the provision of nursing, medical, podiatric, spinal medicine,  
 25 dental, chiropractic, or optometric care and treatment.

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1           **SECTION 50.** 146.997 (1) (d) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           146.997 (1) (d) 4. A physician, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner,  
3 perfusionist, physical therapist, or physical therapist assistant licensed under ch.  
4 448.

5           **SECTION 51.** 155.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           155.01 (7) “Health care provider” means a nurse licensed or permitted under  
7 ch. 441, a chiropractor licensed under ch. 446, a dentist licensed under ch. 447, a  
8 physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, podiatrist, primary spinal care  
9 practitioner, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist,  
10 or occupational therapy assistant licensed under ch. 448, a person practicing  
11 Christian Science treatment, an optometrist licensed under ch. 449, a psychologist  
12 licensed under ch. 455, a partnership thereof, a corporation or limited liability  
13 company thereof that provides health care services, a cooperative health care  
14 association organized under s. 185.981 that directly provides services through  
15 salaried employees in its own facility, or a home health agency, as defined in s. 50.49  
16 (1) (a).

17           **SECTION 52.** 180.1901 (1m) (bw) of the statutes is created to read:

18           180.1901 (1m) (bw) Spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board under  
19 subch. VIII of ch. 448.

20           **SECTION 53.** 185.981 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           185.981 (1) Cooperative associations may be organized under this chapter  
22 without capital stock, primarily to establish and operate in the state or in any county  
23 or counties in the state nonprofit plans or programs for health care, including  
24 hospital care, for their members and their members’ dependents through contracts

1 with physicians, medical societies, chiropractors, optometrists, dentists, dental  
2 societies, hospitals, podiatrists, primary spinal care practitioners, and others.

3 **SECTION 54.** 185.981 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 185.981 (2) A cooperative association organized under this section shall  
5 operate only on a cooperative nonprofit basis and for the primary purpose of  
6 establishing, maintaining, and operating a voluntary nonprofit health, dental, or  
7 vision care plan or plans, or for constructing, operating, and maintaining nonprofit  
8 hospitals or other facilities whereby health care, including hospital, dental, or vision  
9 care, is provided to its members and to other persons or groups of persons who become  
10 subscribers to the plans, subject to s. 185.982 (2), under contracts that provide access  
11 to medical, surgical, chiropractic, vision, dental, or hospital care, other health care  
12 services, appliances, and supplies, by physicians and surgeons licensed and  
13 registered under ch. 448, podiatrists licensed under ch. 448, primary spinal care  
14 practitioners licensed under ch. 448, optometrists licensed under ch. 449,  
15 chiropractors licensed under ch. 446, dentists licensed under ch. 447, and other  
16 health care providers in their offices, in hospitals, in other facilities, and in the home.  
17 Nothing in this subsection precludes a cooperative association organized under this  
18 section from owning an interest in other entities for enhancing or improving member  
19 services or for investment or other purposes, as long as the association's primary  
20 purpose remains as provided in this subsection.

21 **SECTION 55.** 185.981 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 185.981 (3) No cooperative association organized primarily for the purposes  
23 provided in ss. 185.981 to 185.983 shall be prevented from contracting with any  
24 hospital in this state for the rendition of such hospital care as is included within the  
25 cooperative association's plans because the hospital participates in a plan of any



1 other cooperative association, or in a plan organized and operated under ss. 148.03  
2 and 613.80. No hospital may discriminate against any physician and surgeon,  
3 chiropractor, dentist, or podiatrist, or primary spinal care practitioner with respect  
4 to the use of the hospital's facilities by reason of his or her participation in a health  
5 care plan of a cooperative.

6 **SECTION 56.** 185.981 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 185.981 (4) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no contract by or on behalf of any  
8 such cooperative association shall provide for the payment of any cash, indemnity,  
9 or other material benefit by that association to the subscriber or the subscriber's  
10 estate on account of death, illness, or injury, but any such association may stipulate  
11 in its plans that it will pay any nonparticipating physician and surgeon, optometrist,  
12 chiropractor, dentist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, hospital, or other  
13 provider for hospital or other health care rendered to any covered person who is in  
14 need of a plan's benefits. The plans may prescribe monetary limitations with respect  
15 to the benefits.

16 **SECTION 57.** 185.982 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 185.982 (1) No health care plan or contract issued by a cooperative association  
18 shall interfere with the manner or mode of the practice of medicine, optometry,  
19 chiropractic, dentistry, or podiatry, or spinal medicine, the manner or mode of  
20 providing wellness or other services, the relationship of physician, chiropractor,  
21 optometrist, dentist, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, or other provider  
22 and patient, nor the responsibility of physician, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist,  
23 podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, or other provider to patient. Plans may  
24 require persons covered to utilize health care providers designated by the  
25 cooperative association. The cooperative association may provide health care

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1 services directly through providers who are employees of the cooperative association  
2 or through agreements with individual providers or groups of providers organized  
3 on a group practice or individual practice basis.

4 SECTION 58. 185.982 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 185.982 (2) Any cooperative association operating voluntary health care plans  
6 under the provisions of this chapter may pay physicians and surgeons, optometrists,  
7 chiropractors, dentists, primary spinal care practitioners, or other providers on a  
8 salary, per person, or fee-for-service basis to provide health care to members of the  
9 association. Every cooperative association may offer its health care services to  
10 nonmembers. Any cooperative association that operates a hospital may make the  
11 hospital's facilities available to nonmembers and to nonparticipating physicians,  
12 optometrists, dentists, or other providers.

13 SECTION 59. 252.14 (1) (ar) 4r. of the statutes is created to read:

14 252.14 (1) (ar) 4r. A primary spinal care practitioner licensed under subch. VIII  
15 of ch. 448.

16 SECTION 60. 254.35 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 254.35 (3) (c) For a podiatric, spinal medicine, or veterinary site having an  
18 ionizing radiation installation, the fee shall be at least \$36 for each site and at least  
19 \$44 for each X-ray tube.

20 SECTION 61. 254.39 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 254.39 (1) Nothing in this subchapter may be interpreted as limiting  
22 intentional exposure of persons to radiation for the purpose of analysis, diagnosis,  
23 therapy, and medical, spinal medicine, chiropractic, or dental research as authorized  
24 by law.

25 SECTION 62. 255.06 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           255.06 (1) (d) “Nurse practitioner” means a registered nurse licensed under ch.  
2           441 or in a party state, as defined in s. 441.50 (2) (j), whose practice of professional  
3           nursing under s. 441.001 (4) includes performance of delegated medical services  
4           under the supervision of a physician, dentist, ~~or~~ podiatrist, or primary spinal care  
5           practitioner.

6           **SECTION 63.** 257.01 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
7           is amended to read:

8           257.01 (5) (a) An individual who is licensed as a physician, a physician  
9           assistant, ~~or~~ a podiatrist, or a primary spinal care practitioner under ch. 448,  
10          licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or nurse–midwife under ch.  
11          441, licensed as a dentist under ch. 447, licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450,  
12          licensed as a veterinarian or certified as a veterinary technician under ch. 89, or  
13          certified as a respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448.

14          **SECTION 64.** 257.01 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
15          is amended to read:

16          257.01 (5) (b) An individual who was at any time within the previous 10 years,  
17          but is not currently, licensed as a physician, a physician assistant, ~~or~~ a podiatrist, or  
18          a primary spinal care practitioner under ch. 448, licensed as a registered nurse,  
19          licensed practical nurse or nurse–midwife, under ch. 441, licensed as a dentist under  
20          ch. 447, licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450, licensed as a veterinarian or certified  
21          as a veterinary technician under ch. 89, or certified as a respiratory care practitioner  
22          under ch. 448, if the individual’s license or certification was never revoked, limited,  
23          suspended, or denied renewal.

24          **SECTION 65.** 287.07 (7) (c) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

1           287.07 (7) (c) 1. a. "Clinic" means a place, other than a residence, that is used  
2 primarily for the provision of nursing, medical, podiatric, spinal medicine, dental,  
3 chiropractic, optometric or veterinary care and treatment.

4           **SECTION 66.** 341.14 (1a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           341.14 (1a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered an  
6 automobile, or a motor truck, dual purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck  
7 which has a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a  
8 gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds or a motor home, submits a statement  
9 once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to  
10 practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice  
11 nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in  
12 any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,  
13 from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a primary spinal care  
14 practitioner licensed to practice spinal medicine in any state, from a chiropractor  
15 licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner  
16 residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying to the  
17 department that the resident is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the  
18 ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled  
19 person plates of a special design in lieu of plates which ordinarily would be issued  
20 for the vehicle, and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as to  
21 readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is owned by a  
22 nonveteran disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s.  
23 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee shall be made for the  
24 issuance or renewal of such plates.

25           **SECTION 67.** 341.14 (1e) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           341.14 (1e) (a) If any resident of this state, who is registering or has registered  
2 a motorcycle, submits a statement once every 4 years, as determined by the  
3 department, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an  
4 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public  
5 health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant  
6 licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in  
7 any state, from a primary spinal care practitioner licensed to practice spinal  
8 medicine in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any  
9 state, from a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the  
10 Christian Science journal, or from the U.S. department of veterans affairs certifying  
11 to the department that the resident is a person with a disability that limits or impairs  
12 the ability to walk, the department shall procure, issue and deliver to the disabled  
13 person a plate of a special design in lieu of the plate which ordinarily would be issued  
14 for the motorcycle, and shall renew the plate. The statement shall state whether the  
15 disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician,  
16 advanced practice nurse, public health nurse, physician assistant, podiatrist,  
17 primary spinal care practitioner, chiropractor, practitioner, or U.S. department of  
18 veterans affairs as to the duration of the disability. The plate shall be so designed  
19 as to readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the motorcycle is owned  
20 by a disabled person and is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50  
21 (2a). No charge in addition to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or  
22 renewal of the plate.

23           **SECTION 68.** 341.14 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           341.14 (1m) If any licensed driver submits to the department a statement once  
25 every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician licensed to practice

1 medicine in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in  
2 any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state,  
3 from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a  
4 podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a primary spinal care practitioner  
5 licensed to practice spinal medicine in any state, from a chiropractor licensed to  
6 practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner residing  
7 in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal certifying that another  
8 person who is regularly dependent on the licensed driver for transportation is a  
9 person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, the department  
10 shall issue and deliver to the licensed driver plates of a special design in lieu of the  
11 plates which ordinarily would be issued for the automobile or motor truck, dual  
12 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck having a gross weight of not more  
13 than 8,000 pounds, farm truck having a gross weight of not more than 12,000 pounds  
14 or motor home, and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as to  
15 readily apprise law enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a  
16 licensed driver on whom a disabled person is regularly dependent and is entitled to  
17 the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition to the  
18 registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. The plates  
19 shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

20 **SECTION 69.** 341.14 (1q) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 341.14 (1q) If any employer who provides an automobile, or a motor truck, dual  
22 purpose motor home or dual purpose farm truck which has a gross weight of not more  
23 than 8,000 pounds, a farm truck which has a gross weight of not more than 12,000  
24 pounds or a motor home, for an employee's use submits to the department a  
25 statement once every 4 years, as determined by the department, from a physician

1 licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed  
2 to practice nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to  
3 practice in any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in  
4 any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a primary spinal  
5 care practitioner licensed to practice spinal medicine in any state, from a  
6 chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian  
7 Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal  
8 certifying that the employee is a person with a disability that limits or impairs the  
9 ability to walk, the department shall issue and deliver to such employer plates of a  
10 special design in lieu of the plates which ordinarily would be issued for the vehicle,  
11 and shall renew the plates. The plates shall be so designed as to readily apprise law  
12 enforcement officers of the fact that the vehicle is operated by a disabled person and  
13 is entitled to the parking privileges specified in s. 346.50 (2a). No charge in addition  
14 to the registration fee may be made for the issuance or renewal of the plates. The  
15 plates shall conform to the plates required in sub. (1a).

16 **SECTION 70.** 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for registration plates of a special design  
18 under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), or (1q) or any other person with a disability that limits  
19 or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special  
20 identification card that will entitle any motor vehicle parked by, or under the  
21 direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle operated by or on behalf of the  
22 organization when used to transport such a person, to parking privileges under s.  
23 346.50 (2), (2a), and (3). The department shall issue the card at a fee to be determined  
24 by the department, upon submission by the applicant, if the applicant is an  
25 individual rather than an organization, of a statement from a physician licensed to

1 practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice nurse licensed to practice  
2 nursing in any state, from a public health nurse certified or licensed to practice in  
3 any state, from a physician assistant licensed or certified to practice in any state,  
4 from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state, from a primary spinal care  
5 practitioner licensed to practice spinal medicine in any state, from a chiropractor  
6 licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a Christian Science practitioner  
7 residing in this state and listed in the Christian Science journal that the person is  
8 a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The statement  
9 shall state whether the disability is permanent or temporary and, if temporary, the  
10 opinion of the physician, advanced practice nurse, public health nurse, physician  
11 assistant, podiatrist, primary spinal care practitioner, chiropractor, or practitioner  
12 as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card upon  
13 application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the  
14 department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this  
15 subsection.

16 **SECTION 71.** 343.62 (4) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 343.62 (4) (a) 4. The applicant submits with the application a statement  
18 completed within the immediately preceding 24 months, except as provided by rule,  
19 by a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an advanced practice  
20 nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a physician assistant licensed  
21 or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in any state,  
22 from a primary spinal care practitioner licensed to practice spinal medicine in any  
23 state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from a  
24 Christian Science practitioner residing in this state, and listed in the Christian



1 Science journal certifying that, in the medical care provider’s judgment, the  
2 applicant is physically fit to teach driving.

3 SECTION 72. 440.03 (13) (b) 53s. of the statutes is created to read:

4 440.03 (13) (b) 53s. Primary spinal care practitioner.

5 SECTION 73. 440.08 (2) (a) 60s. of the statutes is created to read:

6 440.08 (2) (a) 60s. Primary spinal care practitioner: December 15 of each  
7 even-numbered year.

8 SECTION 74. 441.001 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 441.001 (3) (a) “Practical nursing” means the performance for compensation  
10 of any simple acts in the care of convalescent, subacutely or chronically ill, injured  
11 or infirm persons, or of any act or procedure in the care of the more acutely ill, injured  
12 or infirm under the specific direction of a nurse, physician, podiatrist or primary  
13 spinal care practitioner licensed under ch. 448, dentist licensed under ch. 447 or  
14 optometrist licensed under ch. 449, or under an order of a person who is licensed to  
15 practice medicine, podiatry, spinal medicine, dentistry or optometry in another state  
16 if that person prepared the order after examining the patient in that other state and  
17 directs that the order be carried out in this state.

as defined in s. 448.97(5),

18 SECTION 75. 441.001 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 441.001 (4) (b) The execution of procedures and techniques in the treatment  
20 of the sick under the general or special supervision or direction of a physician,  
21 podiatrist, or primary spinal care practitioner licensed under ch. 448, dentist  
22 licensed under ch. 447, or optometrist licensed under ch. 449, or under an order of  
23 a person who is licensed to practice medicine, podiatry, spinal medicine, dentistry,  
24 or optometry in another state if the person making the order prepared the order after

1 examining the patient in that other state and directs that the order be carried out  
2 in this state.

3 **SECTION 76.** 446.02 (6m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 446.02 (6m) No chiropractor may provide counsel, direction, guidance, advice,  
5 or a recommendation to a patient regarding the health effects of vitamins, herbs, or  
6 nutritional supplements unless the chiropractor has been issued a certificate under  
7 sub. (2) (c). This subsection does not apply to a chiropractor licensed under this  
8 chapter who is certified as a dietician under subch. V of ch. 448 or who is a primary  
9 spinal care practitioner licensed under s. 448.9725.

10 **SECTION 77.** 446.02 (7d) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

11 446.02 (7d) (d) This subsection does not apply to a primary spinal care  
12 practitioner licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448 with respect to treatment of a  
13 condition within the scope of that license.

14 **SECTION 78.** 446.026 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 446.026 (1) (a) No person may provide adjunctive services unless the person  
16 is a chiropractic technician and is under the direct, on-premises supervision of a  
17 chiropractor licensed under this chapter or a primary spinal care practitioner  
18 licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.

19 **SECTION 79.** 446.05 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 446.05 (1) (a).

20 **SECTION 80.** 446.05 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

21 446.05 (1) (b) The examining board shall refer an allegation of a violation of  
22 subch. VIII of ch. 448 to the spinal medicine affiliated credentialing board for  
23 investigation, unless the alleged conduct also involves a violation of this chapter, in  
24 which case the examining board and the spinal medicine affiliated credentialing  
25 board shall consult concerning the investigation.