

## Chapter RL 70

### AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

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**RL 70.01 Authority.** The rules in chs. RL 70 to 73 are adopted by the department of regulation and licensing under the authority of ss. 227.11 (2) (a), 451.04 (2) (d), 451.12, 451.14 (2) (g) and 451.16, Stats., to govern the certification and regulation of acupuncturists.

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**RL 70.02 Definitions.** As used in ch. 451, Stats., and chs. RL 70 to 73:

(1) (a) “Actively engaged in the certified practice of acupuncture” means using acupuncture, under the authorization of a license, certification or registration to practice acupuncture, as the primary means of treatment of patients, not as an adjunctive therapy, and the treatment is dependent upon a thorough understanding and application of Oriental diagnostic theories and practices.

(b) The applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she has been “actively engaged in the certified practice of acupuncture” during the 5 years immediately preceding the application in any other state or territory of the United States. Any applicant, whether or not licensed, registered or certified to practice another healing art, shall provide the department with satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

1. Uses acupuncture based on Oriental diagnostic and therapeutic theories and practices as the primary means of treating diseases and disorders in a minimum of 100 patients with a minimum of 500 patient visits during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the application, as demonstrated by patient records or affidavits.

2. Performs general health care in at least 70% of all patient visits, and performs specialized health care such as anesthetics,

cosmetic treatments, addiction therapies or weight control in no more than 30% of patient visits.

3. Practices consistent with the standards identified in a clean needle technique course acceptable to the department.

(2) “Acupressure” means the manual stimulation of acupuncture points.

(3) “Acupuncture” has the meaning given under s. 451.01 (1), Stats.

(4) “Acupuncturist” means a person who is certified under ch. 451, Stats., to practice acupuncture.

(5) “AIDS” means acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

(6) “Department” means the department of regulation and licensing.

(8) “Herbal medicine” means the use of plant, animal and mineral substances to assist in attaining or maintaining a state of health or relief from symptoms of disease.

(9) “HIV” means human immunodeficiency virus.

(10) “Laserpuncture” means the use of lasers to stimulate acupuncture points.

(11) “Moxibustion” means the application of heat produced by burning dried moxa wool to specific points of the human body other than the burning of moxa wool directly on the skin.

(12) “NCCAOM” means the national certification commission for acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

(13) “Needle sickness” includes nausea, or dizziness, or other physical discomforts resulting from acupuncture treatment.

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