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2023 Wisconsin Act 186 [2023 Senate Bill 788]

Delegation of Adjunctive Services by Chiropractors

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Prior law allowed a licensed chiropractor to delegate the performance of "adjunctive services"¹ under certain circumstances to chiropractic technicians or certain other health care professionals.

2023 Wisconsin Act 186 allows licensed chiropractors to delegate the performance of these services to an individual who has completed a training program for medical assistants accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, a national or state medical association, or another entity approved by the Chiropractic Examining Board.

The act also creates new administrative rules related to the delegation of adjunctive services by chiropractors. Specifically, the act specifies that a chiropractor may delegate the performance of an adjunctive service to an individual who has completed an accredited medical assistant training program only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The individual is qualified, through education, training, or experience, to perform the adjunctive service.
- The chiropractor maintains records or ensures the chiropractor's employer maintains records that verify the individual's training is current.
- The chiropractor exercises direct, on-premises supervision of the individual performing the delegated adjunctive service.
- The chiropractor retains ultimate responsibility for the manner and quality of the service.

Effective date: July 1, 2024, except that the act's provisions relating to administrative rules take effect as provided in s. 227.265, Stats.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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¹ "Adjunctive services" is defined as services that are preparatory or complementary to the practice of chiropractic, including taking and preparing preliminary patient histories or providing physiotherapy treatment. [s. 446.01 (1d), Stats.]

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