

Policy P-050
Registration Committee
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Note to Readers: In the event of any inconsistency between this document and the legislation that affects chiropractic practice, the legislation governs.

Intent

To clarify CCO's interpretation of Ss. 29 (1) (b) of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, which provides:

"29 (1) An act by a person is not a contravention of subsection 27 (1) [the provision prohibiting the performance of controlled acts] if it is done in the course of,

(b) fulfilling the requirements to become a member of a health profession and the act is within the scope of practice of the profession and is done under the supervision or direction of a member of the profession."

Chiropractors are authorized to perform the controlled acts outlined in S. 4 of the *Chiropractic Act, 1991*, which provides:

- "4. In the course of engaging in the practice of chiropractic, a member is authorized, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on his or her certificate of registration, to perform the following:
1. Communicating a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of a person's symptoms,
 - i. a disorder arising from the structures or functions of the spine and their effects on the nervous system, or
 - ii. a disorder arising from the structures or functions of the joints of the extremities.
 2. Moving the joints of the spine beyond a person's usual physiological range of motion using a fast, low amplitude thrust.
 3. Putting a finger beyond the anal verge for the purpose of manipulating the tailbone.

Description of Policy

1. Chiropractic students participating in CMCC's field placement pilot project will be considered to be "fulfilling the requirements" of becoming a chiropractor for the purpose of Ss. 29 (1) of the *RHPA* if they are enrolled in their final year of student at CMCC;

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2. Such students may perform controlled acts under the supervision or direction of a member of CCO provided:
 - (a) the member:
 - is a clinical associate faculty member at CMCC;
 - is in good standing;
 - does not have a conflict of interest¹ supervising the student; and
 - has appropriate malpractice insurance coverage which provides coverage for acts performed by the student;
 3. For the purpose of Ss. 29(1) and 30(5) of the *RHPA*, the supervision or direction of a student participating in the program requires that the supervising chiropractor be present on the premises and available for consultation at all times during the student's performance of patient-related activities.
 4. The supervision of the student must comply with the standards adopted by CMCC with regard to the field placement program; and
 5. The patient's consent to examination or treatment by the student is fully informed and voluntarily given.

Procedures

1. Supervising members and students must complete all forms and comply with all standards prescribed by CMCC.
2. Supervising members must immediately notify CMCC or any referral of a specified allegation of professional misconduct or incompetence to the Discipline Committee.

¹ A conflict of interest would include but is not limited to a chiropractor supervising any immediate family member or the immediate family members of associates or other practitioners within the office.

3. The chiropractic educational institution must:
 - (a) take appropriate steps to ensure all supervising members satisfy the criteria outlined in the policy;
 - (b) take appropriate steps to ensure appropriate monitoring of the students participating in a placement;
 - (c) forward to CCO in a timely manner the list of names of all supervising members and students.