

Standard of Practice S-011
Executive and Quality Assurance Committees
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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 inform CCO registrants who are also members of other health professions of their additional obligations. This standard of practice is intended to reduce potential confusion or misunderstanding by members of the public.

Description of Standard

Definition of Dual Registrant

Dual registrants are those registrants registered with CCO and another health profession. The other health profession may be unregulated (such as orthotherapy), regulated under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (such as physiotherapy) or regulated under the *Drugless Practitioners Act* (such as naturopathy).

Requirements for Dual Registrants

Dual registrants are required to:

- inform the patient that the proposed treatment is outside the scope of practice of chiropractic;
- inform the patient that the proposed treatment would not be administered in the registrant's capacity as a chiropractor; and
- ensure consent to treatment is fully informed, voluntarily given and properly documented.

Records and Offices

Dual registrants must maintain separate appointment books, client/patient records, signs, business cards, letterhead and documentation relating to consent.

Requirements for Dual Registrants who are Members of an Unregulated Profession

In circumstances in which a dual registrant is a member of an unregulated health profession and is proposing a treatment outside the scope of practice of chiropractic and within the scope of practice of the unregulated profession, the registrant shall also inform the patient that CCO may have no jurisdiction over the matter.

Billing Requirements

Dual registrants are reminded that they may only bill OHIP for those services performed in their capacity as chiropractors or as members of other health professions entitled to bill OHIP in the circumstances outlined in the *Health Insurance Act* (i.e., chiropody, dentistry, medicine, optometry and osteopathy).

Dual registrants may not bill OHIP for services outside the scope of chiropractic and within the scope of practice of an unregulated health profession or within the scope of practice of a health profession that has no entitlement to bill OHIP.

Separate Financial Records

Registrants must keep separate client/patient financial records for services that are not chiropractic services. It must be clear from the registrant's records whether the services charged are for chiropractic services or services of another health profession.

Standards of Practice for Chiropractic

All registrants, including dual registrants, are expected to conform to the standards of practice for chiropractic. Contravening a standard of practice or failing to maintain a standard of practice is ground for professional misconduct pursuant to section 1 (2) of the professional misconduct regulation under the *Chiropractic Act, 1991*.

Importance of Client/Patient Perception

Dual registrants are reminded that it is the client/patient's perception as a recipient of treatment that is of critical importance. The client/patient must understand in what circumstances he/she is receiving treatment from the practitioner in his/her capacity as a chiropractor, and in what circumstances he/she is receiving treatment outside the scope of practice of chiropractic.