
SPOUSAL EXCEPTION TO SEXUAL ABUSE PROVISIONS

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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.

This regulation comes into force when it receives Royal Assent.

Conduct, behaviour, or remarks that would otherwise constitute sexual abuse of a patient by a member under the definition of “sexual abuse” in subsection 1(3) of the Health Professions Procedural Code of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, shall not constitute sexual abuse, if:

- (a) The patient is the member’s spouse, and
- (b) The member is not engaged in the practice of chiropractic at the time the conduct, behaviour or remarks occur.

For the purposes of this regulation, “spouse”, in relation to a member, means:

- (a) A person who is the member’s spouse as defined in section 1 of the *Family Law Act*, or
- (b) A person who has lived with the member in a conjugal relationship outside of marriage continuously for a period of not less than three years.