



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4734.14 Prohibited acts.

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(A)(1) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, no person shall engage in the practice of chiropractic without a current, valid license issued by the state chiropractic board under this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, no person shall advertise or claim to be a chiropractor, doctor of chiropractic, or chiropractic physician, or use the initials "D.C." in connection with the person's name, unless the person holds a current, valid license from the board.

(3) Subject to section 4734.17 of the Revised Code, no person shall open or conduct an office or other place for the practice of chiropractic without a license from the board.

(4) Subject to section 4734.17 of the Revised Code, no person shall conduct an office in the name of some person who has a license to practice chiropractic.

(5) No person shall practice chiropractic in violation of the person's license revocation, forfeiture, or suspension or in violation of any restriction, limitation, or condition placed on the person's license.

(6) No person shall employ fraud or deception in applying for or securing a license to practice chiropractic or in renewing a license to practice chiropractic.

(7) No person shall make, issue, or publish, or cause to be made, issued, or published, for the purpose of sale, barter, or gift, a license, certificate, diploma, degree, or other writing or document falsely representing the holder or receiver thereof to be licensed under this chapter or to be a graduate of a chiropractic school, college, or other educational institution of chiropractic, or sell or dispose of, or offer to sell or dispose of such license, certificate, diploma, degree, or other writing or document containing such false representation or use the person's name, or permit it to be used, as a subscriber to such false and fictitious license, certificate, diploma, degree, or other writing or document or engage in the practice of chiropractic under and by virtue of such fraudulent license, certificate, diploma, degree, or other writing or document.



(B)(1) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who holds a current, unrestricted license to practice chiropractic in another state when the person, pursuant to a written agreement with an athletic team located in the state in which the person holds the license, provides chiropractic services to any of the following while the team is traveling to or from or participating in a sporting event in this state:

- (a) A member of the athletic team;
- (b) A member of the athletic team's coaching, communications, equipment, or sports medicine staff;
- (c) A member of a band or cheerleading squad accompanying the athletic team;
- (d) The athletic team's mascot.

In providing chiropractic services pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the person shall not provide chiropractic services at a health care facility.

(2) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who meets both of the following conditions:

- (a) The person holds a current, unrestricted license to practice chiropractic in another state.
- (b) The person is practicing as a volunteer without remuneration during a charitable event that lasts not more than seven days.

When a person meets the conditions of division (B)(2) of this section, the person shall be deemed to hold, for the course of the charitable event, a license to practice chiropractic from the state chiropractic board and shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter authorizing the board to take disciplinary action against a license holder. Not less than seven calendar days before the first day of the charitable event, the person or the event's organizer shall notify the board of the person's intent to practice chiropractic at the event. During the course of the charitable event, the person's scope of practice is limited to the procedures that a chiropractor licensed under this chapter is authorized to



perform unless the person's scope of practice in the other state is more restrictive than in this state. If the latter is the case, the person's scope of practice is limited to the procedures that a chiropractor in the other state may perform.

(C) A person who has retired from the practice of chiropractic in good standing and does not maintain a current, valid license from the board may continue to claim to be a chiropractor, doctor of chiropractic, or chiropractic physician, or use the initials "D.C." in connection with the person's name, if the person does not engage in the practice of chiropractic or otherwise violate this chapter or the rules adopted under it.

A person whose license has been classified as inactive pursuant to section 4734.26 of the Revised Code may continue to claim to be a chiropractor, doctor of chiropractic, or chiropractic physician, or use the initials "D.C." in connection with the person's name, if the person does not engage in the practice of chiropractic or otherwise violate this chapter or the rules adopted under it.

(D) In any proceeding for a violation of this section brought against a person who is not licensed under this chapter but is a graduate of a chiropractic college approved under section 4734.21 of the Revised Code, it shall be an affirmative defense that the person is permitted to use the term "doctor" or the initials "D.C." in connection with the person's name, but only to the extent that the person does not indicate or act in a manner implying that the person is licensed under this chapter or otherwise violate this chapter or the rules adopted under it.

(E) A document that is signed by the president or executive director of the board and that has affixed the official seal of the board to the effect that it appears from the records of the board that a license to practice chiropractic in this state has not been issued to a particular person, or that a license, if issued, has been revoked or suspended, shall be received as prima-facie evidence of the record of the board in any court or before any officer of the state.