

TOP ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS

Here are examples of frequent violations that may result in disciplinary actions. Please refer to The Board of Chiropractic Examiners Rules and Regulations link (www.chiro.ca.gov/laws_regs/regulations.pdf) and Initiative Act link (www.chiro.ca.gov/laws_regs/initiative_act.shtml) for comprehensive coverage of all possible grounds of discipline.

INSURANCE FRAUD:

- Double billing
- Billing for service not rendered
- Up coding
- Excessive treatment

UNLICENSED PRACTICE:

- Practicing after license expired
- Failing to promptly renew
- Aiding and abetting unlicensed individuals

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:

- Erotic behavior
- Inappropriate touching
- Sexual contact or having sexual relations with a patient, client, customer, or employee

EXCESSIVE TREATMENT:

- Treatment beyond what is reasonable/necessary or within the standard of care
- Failure to document necessity (conduct a thorough exam, diagnose the condition, implement a treatment plan, and conduct follow-up exams to assess progress)

VIOLATION(S) INVOLVING DRUGS/ALCOHOL:

- DUI
- Possession or use of any illicit drugs
- Practicing while impaired
- Prescription medication abuse

CONVICTION OF A CRIME(S):

- Theft
- Domestic violence
- DUI
- Vandalism

FALSE AND/OR MISLEADING ADVERTISING:

- Sensational claims
- No "D.C." after chiropractor's name
- Fraud/misrepresentation

BEYOND SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

- Performing surgical procedures
- Furnishing/prescribing controlled substances
- Claiming to treat/cure cancer

NEGLIGENCE/INCOMPETENCE:

- Physical harm to patient
- Failure to exercise appropriate standard of care

FAILURE TO RELEASE PATIENT RECORDS WITHIN 15 DAYS OF REQUEST:

- Includes requests from patient, patient attorney, patient representative, insurance company, or BCE representatives

PAYMENT FOR REFERRALS:

- Discounts
- Cash/gift cards
- Free services