

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
TITLE 3. CHIROPRACTORS
SUBTITLE 3. LICENSING

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 3-313 (2014)

§ 3-313. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 3-315 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, with or without conditions, or suspend or revoke a license, or any combination thereof, if the applicant or licensee:

(1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another;

(2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;

(3) Practices chiropractic under a false name;

(4) Impersonates another practitioner;

(5) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;

(6) Provides professional services while:

(i) Under the influence of alcohol; or

(ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as defined in § 5-101 of the Criminal Law Article, or other drug that is in excess of therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication;

(7) Solicits or advertises in a false or misleading manner or in any other manner not approved by the Board;

(8) Is unethical in the conduct of the practice of chiropractic;

(9) Is professionally incompetent;

(10) Abandons a patient;

- (11) Misrepresents the effectiveness of any treatment, drugs, devices, appliances, or goods to a patient so as to exploit the patient for financial gain;
- (12) Makes or files a false report or record in the practice of chiropractic;
- (13) Fails to file or record any report as required by law;
- (14) Impedes or obstructs the filing or recording of the report, or induces another to fail to file or record the report;
- (15) Pays or agrees to pay any sum to any person for bringing or referring a patient;
- (16) Overutilizes health care services;
- (17) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section;
- (18) Practices chiropractic with an unauthorized person or supervises or aids an unauthorized person in the practice of chiropractic;
- (19) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;
- (20) Behaves immorally in the practice of chiropractic;
- (21) Commits an act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of chiropractic;
- (22) Grossly overutilizes health care services;
- (23) Is convicted of insurance fraud under § 27-801 of the Insurance Article;
- (24) Refuses, withholds from, denies, or discriminates against an individual with regard to the provision of professional services for which the licensee is licensed and qualified to render because the individual is HIV positive;
- (25) Submits false statements to collect fees for which services were not provided;
- (26) Misrepresents qualifications, education, training, or clinical experience;
- (27) Is physically or mentally impaired to the extent that it impairs the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice chiropractic safely;
- (28) Violates any provision of this title; or
- (29) Fails to submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 3-302.1 of this subtitle.

HISTORY: An. Code 1957, art. 43, § 506; 1981, ch. 8, § 2; chs. 181, 378; 1983, ch. 390; 1984, ch. 772; 1985, ch. 256; 1989, ch. 789, § 2; 1990, ch. 6, § 11; 1996, chs. 348, 528; 1997, ch. 14, § 1; ch. 70, § 4; 2002, ch. 213, § 6; 2014, ch. 598.