



# CHIROPRACTIC BOARD REGULATION CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2022

## Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Subtitle 43 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS 10.43.07 Chiropractic Assistants

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§3-205, 3-302.1, and 3-404, Annotated Code of Maryland

*The purpose of the amendments is to:*

- 1) *Define chiropractic assistant trainee and replace the term “applicant” throughout the chapter with the term “chiropractic assistant trainee” for clarity;*
  - 2) *Provide that a chiropractic assistant notify the Board of any changes to name or address within 60 days*
  - 3) *Ensure that a chiropractic assistant displays their registration in a conspicuous place where the individual practices;*
  - 4) *Revise the names for Regulations .10 and .11 for clarity;*
  - 5) *Replace the term “chiropractic radiologic technologist” with “chiropractic assistant with X-ray privileges” to be more specific and accurate;*
  - 6) *Amend the number of various number of X-ray studies to make them more workable and less onerous*
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### **.01 Definitions.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) “Chiropractic assistant program” means a structured 1-year program of clinical chiropractic training under a Board-licensed supervising chiropractor in order to qualify and apply for a registration as a Maryland chiropractic assistant.

(4) “Chiropractic assistant trainee” means a person who is:

(a) *Undergoing training to become a chiropractic assistant; or*

(b) *Applying to the Board for registration as a chiropractic assistant.*

(5) “Direct supervision” means supervision provided by a supervising chiropractor who is personally present and immediately available in the area where the procedures are performed to give aid, direction, and instruction when certain procedures or activities are performed by a chiropractic assistant *or a chiropractic assistant trainee.*

(6)—(10) (text unchanged)

### **.03 Chiropractic Assistant Examinations and [Application for] Registration.**

A. *A chiropractic assistant trainee* who otherwise qualifies for registration is entitled to be examined as provided in this regulation.

B. The *chiropractic assistant trainee* shall pass a Board proficiency and jurisprudence examination.

C. The *chiropractic assistant trainee* shall:

(1) Pay to the Board as set forth in COMAR 10.43.06:

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) An examination fee; *and*

(2) Submit all fees, transcripts, and application documentation postmarked no later than 30 days before the examination date.

D. The Board shall:

(1) Give examinations to *chiropractic assistant trainees* at least twice a year, at the times and places that the Board determines;

(2) Notify each qualified *chiropractic assistant trainee* of the time and place of examinations; and

(3) (text unchanged)

E. Reexaminations.

(1) If the *chiropractic assistant trainee* fails the examination twice, the *chiropractic assistant trainee* may retake the examination only if the *chiropractic assistant trainee*:

(a)—(b) (text unchanged)

(2) A *chiropractic assistant trainee* who fails the examination twice may not

perform in-service training duties in direct patient care or treatment under Regulation .03 of this chapter.

F. A *chiropractic assistant* shall notify the Board of any change in the name, electronic or physical address of the *chiropractic assistant*, in writing, within 60 days after the change occurs.

G. A *chiropractic assistant* shall display the registration and any current renewal registration conspicuously in the space where the registration holder is engaged in practice, including in any temporary space, or in any exhibit location.

**.08 Activities That May Be Performed by Chiropractic Assistants or Chiropractic Assistant Trainees Under Direct Supervision of a Supervising Chiropractor.**

A chiropractic assistant or a *chiropractic assistant trainee* may perform the following activities under the direct supervision of a supervising chiropractor who is in the treatment area:

A.—Q. (text unchanged)

**.10 Activities That May Be Performed by Chiropractic Assistants Under Indirect Supervision of a Supervising Chiropractor.**

A. Indirect supervision may only be provided by a supervising chiropractor to a chiropractic assistant who is treating an established patient.

B.—E. (text unchanged)

**.11 Chiropractic Assistants With X-ray Privileges.**

A. A chiropractic assistant may perform the duties of a *chiropractic assistant with X-ray privileges* only as directed by a supervising chiropractor.

B. A chiropractic assistant, *with or without X-ray privileges*, may not:

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

C. A chiropractic assistant may perform *X-rays* only after the completion of:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) 46 *X-ray* studies under the direct supervision of a supervising chiropractor that include:

(a) 10 cervical series which include *at least one of each* of the following views:

(i)—(vi) (text unchanged)

(b) 6 thoracic series which include *at least one of each* of the following views:

(i)—(iv) (text unchanged)

(c) 10 lumbar series which include *at least one of each* of the following views:

(i)—(ii) (text unchanged)

(iii) Flexion;

(iv) Extension; *and*

(v) *Oblique*; *and*

(d) 20 *extremity* views which include *at least one of each* of the following:

(i) *Shoulder*;

(ii) *Elbow*;

(iii) *Wrist*;

(iv) *Hand*;

(v) *Ribs*;

(vi) *Hip*;

(vii) *Knee*;

(viii) *Ankle*; *and*

(ix) *Foot*.

**Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**Subtitle 43 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**  
**10.43.16 Dry Needling**

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§3-101, 3-205(a), 3-307, 3-403, and 13-101, Annotated Code of Maryland

*The purpose of the amendments is to:*

- 1) Provide clearer language regarding the scope of practice for dry needling;*
  - 2) Clarify the minimum education required for dry needling; and*
  - 3) Remove language that requires continuing education courses since they do not presently exist.*
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**.03 Standards of Practice.**

A. A chiropractor registered to perform dry needling shall:

(1)—(3) (text unchanged)

(4) Document the provision *and the specific location of the* dry needling service in accordance with the requirements of COMAR 10.43.14.03.

B. (text unchanged)

C. Dry needling is not within the scope of practice for:

(1) *A registered* chiropractic assistant;

(2) *A chiropractic assistant trainee;*

(3) *A preceptor; or*

(4) *An extern.*

**.04 Minimum Education and Training Required.**

A. A chiropractor with physical therapy privileges shall be in good standing before *registering to perform* dry needling.

B. *The Board shall accept a dry needling course completed before May 18, 2020 if:*

(1) *The same course, in substantially similar form, is sponsored by a continuing education provider approved by the Board; and*

(2) *The chiropractor seeking to perform dry needling provides the Board with a certificate of completion of 3 hours of a recertification course in dry needling.*

C. (text unchanged)

**.05 Registration Required.**

A. The Board shall register a chiropractor with physical therapy privileges as qualified to perform dry needling in the State provided the chiropractor submits to the Board:

(1) Evidence of completion of the education and training requirements outlined in Regulation .04 of this chapter; *and*

(2) An application for registration on a form provided by the Board.

B. (text unchanged)