

Department of Health
Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission
Policy Statement

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This policy establishes the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission’s (Commission) approach to the implementation of [Senate Bill 5817](#). Specifically, although inconsistent with the Commission’s current rules, the Commission will allow a regular senior student in an accredited and approved school of chiropractic to administer a chiropractic adjustment if the student has submitted a completed application with the Commission and passed the Commission’s jurisprudence examination.

BACKGROUND

With the passage of [Senate Bill 5817](#), effective July 28, 2019, [RCW 18.25.190](#) was amended to allow regular senior chiropractic college students, under the supervision of a chiropractic preceptor, to practice chiropractic, including adjusting patients, if the student applies with the Commission and passes the Commission’s jurisprudence examination. Prior to this statutory change, regular senior students in preceptorships were not allowed to adjust patients.

The current Commission rule [WAC 246-808-535](#) does not include patient adjustment as a procedure that can be performed by regular senior students in preceptorships. Therefore, [WAC 246-808-535](#) is inconsistent with the recently amendments to [RCW 18.25.190](#).

The Commission has initiated a process to amend the preceptor rules in [WAC 246-808](#) to:

- 1) Achieve consistency between the rules and the amended statute, and,
- 2) Enhance standards of practice in preceptorships.

While the rulemaking process is ongoing, the Commission is adopting this Policy Statement to make clear that, although inconsistent with the current rules, a regular senior student in an accredited and approved school of chiropractic may administer a chiropractic adjustment if the student has submitted a completed application with the Commission and passed the Commission’s jurisprudence examination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the passage of [Senate Bill 5817](#) a regular senior student in an accredited and approved school of chiropractic may administer a chiropractic adjustment if the student has submitted a completed application with the Commission and passed the Commission's jurisprudence examination. This Policy Statement will remain in effect until withdrawn by the Commission.



David Folweiler, DC, Chair

September 12, 2019

Date