

WASHINGTON STATE CHIROPRACTIC
 FROM: DISCIPLINARY BOARD
 (Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER
 LEGISLATIVE BLDG (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)
 Olympia 98501

The enclosed Permanent rules , being order No. PL 130
 Emergency rules ,
 relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)
 the practice of chiropractic banning the use of needles in
 treatment or claiming to use acupuncture.

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. _____^① filed with the code reviser
 on _____^② were regularly adopted as permanent rules of this
 (date)
 agency at _____ on _____ and are herewith
 (place) (date)
 filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04
 RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be _____^③


(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding that the immediate adoption of
 these rules is necessary for the preservation of the public
 health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the
 requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on
 the proposed action would be contrary to the public interest,
 were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this agency at
Seattle, Washington on 8-12-72 and are herewith filed in
 (place) (date)
 the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of chapter
 34.04 RCW and of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter
 42.30 RCW (1971 ex.s. c 250) have been fulfilled.

Dated this 15th day of August 19 72
 WASHINGTON STATE CHIROPRACTIC
 DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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(AGENCY)

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 Assistant Attorney General
 Attorney for the Board
 Title

- ① NOTICE NUMBER AS APPEARS ON THE COPY OF NOTICE RETURNED TO YOU BY REVISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE NO. OF LAST NOTICE)
- ② STAMPED DATE AS APPEARS ON THE COPY OF NOTICE RETURNED TO YOU BY REVISER'S OFFICE (IF PROCEEDINGS WERE CONTINUED, USE DATE OF LAST NOTICE)
- ③ UNLESS A LATER DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDER OR IS PRESCRIBED IN ANOTHER STATUTE, RULES ARE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER FILING: RCW 34.04.040. LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK EXCEPT IN SUCH SPECIAL CASES.

WASHINGTON STATE CHIROPRACTIC DISCIPLINARY BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. PL-130

ADOPTING EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Due to the vast publicity given to the use and nature of acupuncture in light of President Nixon's recent trip to The People's Republic of China, numerous inquiries were made to the board on whether a chiropractor could practice acupuncture within the scope of his license. Beginning on July 22, 1972, a series of articles were published in the Skagit Valley Herald which indicated that some chiropractors might be holding themselves out as practising acupuncture. Since the use of acupuncture in the public mind is associated only with the use of needles, and, given the fact that the use of needles to puncture the skin is definitely not considered within the scope of chiropractic, the board felt that it must exercise its rule making power pursuant to RCW 18.26.110(1) to clarify the situation for all those persons licensed to practice chiropractic in this state. Based upon its duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, the board, at a duly scheduled meeting on August 12, 1972, in Seattle, Washington adopted the attached emergency rule and regulation.


Since some chiropractors were claiming to practice acupuncture, although they denied the use of needles, the board finds that the immediate adoption of this rule is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and general welfare, and that observance of the requirements of notice of opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to the public interest. Although the board does not rule at this time whether or not certain procedures within the practice of acupuncture would be permissible within the scope of a

chiropractic license, the board does specifically find that a chiropractor who holds himself out as practising acupuncture may mislead the public into believing that chiropractic involves the use of needles.

The board directs its attorney to prepare and attest to this order which, after being first recorded in the order register of this agency, shall be forwarded to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to Chapter 34.04 RCW and Chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED August 12, 1972.

ATTEST:



David R. Minikel
Assistant Attorney General
Attorney for the Washington
State Chiropractic Disciplinary
Board

NEW WAC 113-12-110 PROHIBITED PRACTICES. No chiropractor shall: (1) Employ the use of needles in the treatment of a patient;

 (2) Hold himself out as practicing acupuncture.