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# Program Advisory on Scope of Practice for Limited Chiropractic Radiography Provisional Permit and License

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## Purpose

The purpose of this program advisory letter is to inform students in educational programs and those with appropriate training and experience about the scope of the provisional permit and license for limited chiropractic radiography pursuant to 410 Indiana Administrative Code [IAC] 5.2.

## Background Information

On September 20, 2006, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Executive Board adopted a revision to radiology licensing rules. The rule promulgation process was subsequently completed and the final rule became effective December 27, 2006. The final rule is codified at 410 Indiana Administrative Code [IAC] 5.2 and has been published in the Indiana Register.

The original radiology licensing rule was adopted in 1983. The original rule provided that the area of chiropractic x-ray procedures was limited to spine and extremities. The new rule does not change that limitation. This advisory letter provides guidance on the scope of practice of a limited chiropractic radiographer as student or licensee.

## Scope of Practice for the Provisional Limited Chiropractic Radiography Permit and the Limited Chiropractic Radiography License

The new radiography rule defines the scope of practice for a limited chiropractic license. The new radiography rule, under 410 IAC 5.2-3-3(e), states that "an individual issued a provisional permit may perform any procedure allowed under the scope of practice for a person licensed or certified in that area." Thus an individual with a limited chiropractic

radiography permit is limited to chiropractic radiographic procedures. The individual can perform only those chiropractic procedures allowed by a limited chiropractic radiographic license.

Under 410 IAC 5.2-13-2 "a limited chiropractic radiography license authorizes an individual to perform spine and extremity radiographic procedures ordered by a practitioner." In the case of chiropractic medicine, the practitioner is a licensed chiropractor. Chiropractic radiography is therefore practiced by a person who is licensed as a limited chiropractic radiographer and performed under the orders of a chiropractor. Chiropractic radiography is intentionally named to limit the radiographic procedures to those called for in the chiropractic profession just as limited dental radiography or limited podiatric radiography are limited to a dental or podiatric practice, respectively. The limited chiropractic radiography license is therefore limited in scope to radiographic procedures performed in the course of chiropractic medicine.

Whether under a provisional permit for limited chiropractic radiography or a license for limited chiropractic radiography, radiographic procedures performed under that license or permit will be only those ordered by a licensed chiropractor.

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