

## **State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission**

Eric Holcomb, Governor

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## **IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen**

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## **Advisory Regarding Equine Dentistry and Chiropractic Treatment**

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission would like to remind trainers that ONLY IHRC licensed practicing veterinarians, equine dentists, and equine chiropractors can perform dentistry and chiropractic work on horses stabled on the grounds of Hoosier Park and Horseshoe Indianapolis. The Indiana Veterinary Practice Act (IC 25-38.1-1 et. seq.) states that performing dentistry and chiropractic work is considered practicing veterinary medicine.

Indiana State law requires licensed veterinarian supervision/oversight to non-veterinarian individuals performing these services. As such, any individual licensed by the IHRC as an equine dentist or chiropractor requires sign-off and direct/indirect supervision by an IHRC practicing veterinarian at all times while on jurisdiction grounds, as well as several conditions on their license to comply with Indiana State Law. Individuals or other IHRC licensees performing these services on jurisdiction grounds without proper IHRC licensure are subject to sanctions and/or fines.

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