

CHAPTER 845
DISCIPLINE FOR CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS

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481—845.1(151,272C) Grounds for discipline. The board may impose any of the disciplinary sanctions provided in rule 481—504.3(272C) when the board determines that the licensee is guilty of any of the following acts or offenses or those listed in 481—Chapter 504:

845.1(1) Knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in the practice of the profession or engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. This includes representations utilizing the term “physical therapy” when informing the public of the services offered by the chiropractic physician unless a licensed physical therapist is performing such services. Nothing herein will be construed as prohibiting a chiropractic physician from making representations regarding physiotherapy that may be the same as, or similar to, physical therapy or physical medicine as long as treatment is appropriate as authorized in Iowa Code chapter 151. Proof of actual injury need not be established.

845.1(2) Use of untruthful or improbable statements in advertisements and marketing. Use of untruthful or improbable statements in advertisements includes but is not limited to an action by a licensee in making information or intention known to the public that is false, deceptive, misleading or promoted through fraud or misrepresentation, or representations that are likely to cause the average person to misunderstand. The term “advertisements” includes oral, written, electronic, and other types of communication disseminated by or at the direction of a licensee for the purpose of encouraging or soliciting the use of the licensee’s services.

845.1(3) Violate the provisions of direct health care agreements pursuant to Iowa Code section 135N.1.

845.1(4) Failure to maintain a patient’s record(s) for a minimum of six years after the date of last examination or treatment. Records for minors shall be maintained for one year after the patient reaches the age of majority (18) or six years after the date of last examination or treatment, whichever is longer. Proper safeguards shall be maintained to ensure the safety of records from destructive elements. This provision includes both clinical and fiscal records.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147, 151, and 272C.

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