

ALASKA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS POSITION STATEMENT: DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this position statement is to support the use of diagnostic imaging by Chiropractic Physicians, and the direct referral of patients by Chiropractic Physicians to regulated imaging centers for common and advanced imaging techniques, including, but not limited to: x-rays, enhanced or common MRI, arthrograms, sonograms, diagnostic ultrasound, Doppler studies, PET scan, fluoroscopic imaging in the use of facet and epidural injection and other imaging techniques used in modern radiology.

HISTORY:

The study of radiology is part of the core curriculum of Chiropractic training, and in the State of Alaska, continuing education in diagnostic imaging is required for re-licensing of Chiropractic Physicians. Many chiropractic practices have on-site x-ray units, while other Chiropractic Physicians depend completely on direct referral to imaging centers.

SUPPORTIVE MATERIAL:

Per graduation requirements of all chiropractic colleges and standards of education for application for chiropractic license in Alaska.

SUMMARY:

The State of Alaska requires Chiropractic Physicians to be well-qualified in the application of diagnostic imaging, and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners supports the appropriate use of in-house procedures as well as referral of patient to regulated imaging centers.