

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2634 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Tammy Townley

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

PROPOSED POLICY
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2634

By: Townley

PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to chiropractic practice; providing purpose; authorizing use of emergency medications; limiting scope of administration of medication; providing for certification requirements; providing for protocols and recordkeeping; providing for liability protection; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.2, which relates to defining the practice of chiropractic medicine and scope of practice; modifying conjunctions; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.3, which relates to definitions in the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act; adding a definition; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 161.21 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This statute is intended to authorize licensed chiropractic physicians in Oklahoma, who have obtained injectable certification, to administer specific emergency medications in life-threatening

1 situations. This provision seeks to enhance patient safety by
2 equipping chiropractic physicians with the ability to respond
3 effectively to urgent medical emergencies occurring within his or
4 her practice.

5 B. 1. Licensed chiropractic physicians who hold an injectable
6 certification may administer the following emergency medications in
7 the event of a documented emergency:

- 8 a. Epinephrine (EpiPen) for anaphylactic reactions,
- 9 b. Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) for severe allergic
10 reactions, and
- 11 c. Naloxone (Narcan) for opioid overdoses.

12 2. Chiropractic physicians shall administer the medications in
13 subparagraphs a, b, and c of paragraph 1 of this subsection only in
14 situations where immediate intervention is necessary to prevent
15 severe harm or death to the patient, prior to or in conjunction with
16 the arrival of emergency medical services.

17 C. 1. Only chiropractic physicians licensed and certified by
18 the Oklahoma State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to administer
19 injectables are permitted to administer the specified emergency
20 medications.

21 2. Chiropractic physicians authorized to administer emergency
22 medications shall complete an initial eight (8) hours of board-
23 approved training in the recognition, management, and safe
24 administration of these medications, including Cardiopulmonary

1 Resuscitation (CPR) and basic life support recertification. This
2 training shall be renewed every two (2) years with six (6) hours of
3 board-certified courses.

4 D. 1. All licensed chiropractic physicians practicing in
5 Oklahoma shall obtain and maintain certification in Basic Life
6 Support (BLS) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
7 Certification shall be issued by an accredited organization
8 recognized by the Oklahoma State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

9 2. Chiropractic physicians shall obtain BLS and CPR
10 certification within six (6) months of licensure and renew his or
11 her certification at intervals specified by the certifying
12 organization or as required by the Oklahoma State Board of
13 Chiropractic Examiners.

14 3. Chiropractic physicians are required to provide proof of
15 current BLS and CPR certification as part of his or her license
16 renewal process. Failure to maintain certification may result in
17 disciplinary action or suspension of the chiropractic license until
18 compliance is restored.

19 E. 1. Chiropractic physicians administering emergency
20 medications shall establish and maintain written protocols for the
21 use of these medications, including protocols for assessing patient
22 conditions, indications for administration, dosage guidelines, and
23 procedures for post-administration care.

1 2. Any instance of emergency medication administration shall be
2 documented in the patient's medical record, including the time,
3 dosage, reason for administration, and any subsequent actions taken.
4 Chiropractic physicians shall also report the incident to the
5 Oklahoma State Board of Chiropractic Examiners within seventy-two
6 (72) hours from the occurrence.

7 F. Licensed chiropractic physicians who administer emergency
8 medications in compliance with this section shall be considered to
9 be acting within the scope of chiropractic practice and provided
10 liability protection under applicable Oklahoma state laws governing
11 emergency medical intervention.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.2, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 161.2. A. Chiropractic is the science and art that
15 teaches health in anatomic relation and disease or abnormality in
16 anatomic disrelation, and includes hygienic, sanitary, and
17 therapeutic measures incident thereto in humans. The scope of
18 practice of chiropractic shall include those diagnostic and
19 treatment services and procedures which have been taught by an
20 accredited chiropractic college ~~and~~ or have been approved by the
21 Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

22 B. A chiropractic physician may engage in the practice of
23 animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment if certified to do so by
24 the Board. A licensed chiropractic physician may provide

1 chiropractic treatment to an animal without being certified in
2 animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment by the Board if an
3 animal has been referred to the chiropractic physician by a licensed
4 veterinarian in writing.

5 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.3, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 161.3. As used in the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice
8 Act, these words, phrases or terms, unless the context otherwise
9 indicates, shall have the following meanings:

10 1. "Accredited chiropractic college" means a chiropractic
11 educational institution which is accredited by an accrediting agency
12 recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

13 2. "Animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" means
14 treatment that includes vertebral subluxation complex (vsc) and
15 spinal manipulation of nonhuman vertebrates. The term "animal
16 chiropractic diagnosis and treatment" shall not be construed to
17 allow the:

- 18 a. use of x-rays,
19 b. ~~performing~~ performance of any form of surgery,
20 c. dispensing or administering of medications, or
21 d. performance of traditional veterinary care;

22 3. "Applicant" means any person submitting an application for
23 licensure to the Board;

24 4. "Board" means the Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

1 5. "Certified chiropractic assistant" means an unlicensed
2 member of a chiropractic physician's team of healthcare workers who
3 may assist a chiropractic physician in the performance of
4 examination and therapeutic procedures and techniques necessary to
5 deliver healthcare services to patients within the scope of
6 chiropractic and has been certified by the Board;

7 6. "Chiropractic physician", "chiropractor", "doctor of
8 chiropractic", "practitioner of chiropractic" and "licensee" are
9 synonymous and mean a person holding an original license to practice
10 chiropractic in this state;

11 7. "Examination" means the process used by the Board, prior to
12 the issuance of an original license, to test the qualifications and
13 knowledge of an applicant on any or all of the following: current
14 statutes, rules or any of those subjects listed in Section 161.8 of
15 this title;

16 8. "Intern" means a student at an accredited chiropractic
17 college who is participating in the Chiropractic Undergraduate
18 Preceptorship Program;

19 9. "Nonclinical" means of a business nature including, but not
20 limited to, practice management, insurance information, and computer
21 information. It shall also mean the discussion of philosophy as it
22 relates to the performance of chiropractic;

23 10. "Nutritional Supplements" which can be administered by a
24 needle, means articles of natural origin, including, but not limited

1 to, vitamins, minerals, amino acids, fatty acids, enzymes,
2 antioxidants, oxygen, cellular agents or extracts, botanicals or
3 phytonutrients, and articles within the homeopathic pharmacopeia and
4 its derivatives. The term nutritional supplements shall not be
5 construed to allow the administration of autologous stem cells and
6 any federally scheduled narcotics. Any natural medicine agent found
7 within an over-the-counter nutritional supplement that is available
8 in a compounded, sterile, injectable solution;

9 11. "Original license" means a license granting initial
10 authorization to practice chiropractic in this state issued by the
11 Board to an applicant found by the Board to meet the licensing
12 requirements of the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act, by
13 examination pursuant to Section 161.7 of this title, or by
14 relocation of practice pursuant to Section 161.9 of this title;

15 ~~11.~~ 12. "Preceptor" means a chiropractic physician who is
16 participating in the Chiropractic Undergraduate Preceptorship
17 Program;

18 ~~12.~~ 13. "Relocation of practice" means the recognition and
19 approval by the Board, prior to the issuance of an original license,
20 of the chiropractic licensing process in another state, country,
21 territory or province; and

22 ~~13.~~ 14. "Renewal license" means a license issued to a
23 chiropractic physician by the Board, on or before the first day of
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1 July of each year, which authorizes such licensee to practice
2 chiropractic in this state during the succeeding calendar year.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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