

DECLARATORY STATEMENT 1989-01

The Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners makes the following Declaratory Statement pursuant to its authority under LAC 46:XXVII.507:

It is the opinion of the Board that under LA R.S. 37:2801(3), which defines the scope of chiropractic, that

“a licensed chiropractor may order and receive reports on the following laboratory tests from entities qualified and licensed to administer the tests:

1. Laboratory test;
2. Radiological procedures to include
 - a. computerized axial tomography (CT scans),
 - b. magnetic resonance imaging,
 - c. nerve conduction studies.

These tests shall be administered by those licensed to do so and the results of these tests interpreted by persons authorized by law to do so. Nothing herein shall authorize a chiropractor to perform the above referred to tests unless otherwise authorized or to interpret the results of these tests other than to interpret the report of a person authorized to give the tests, and to correlate that report with the chiropractic findings.

For example, a licensed chiropractor may order computer axial tomography (C.T. Scan) for patient, the C.T. Scan shall be performed by an entity licensed to do so, the results of the C.T. Scan shall be interpreted by an entity licensed to do so, and the chiropractor shall be entitled to receive, review, and interpret for diagnostic purposes, the report of the licensed entity on the findings of the C.T. Scan.”

Adopted this 11th day of May, 1989, by the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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