

DECLARATORY STATEMENT 2013-01

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 LSA R.S. 37:2801(3), which defines the scope of chiropractic, that

as the unlicensed practice of chiropractic is not permitted in Louisiana, therefore, any educational program utilized by a chiropractic college, as part of its curriculum available to chiropractic college students prior to graduation, which advocates or utilizes the unlicensed practice of chiropractic in Louisiana, is not permitted, as defined by LSA R.S. 37:2801 et seq.

“Preceptorship” programs are permitted as long as said preceptorship program does not include the unlicensed practice of chiropractic in Louisiana and/or any participant in a preceptorship program does not participate in, perform, or advertise the practice of chiropractic, which shall include, but not be limited to diagnosing, adjusting and/or manipulation. The preceptor may take x-rays if he/she has completed the required x-ray courses at his/her chiropractic college. The licensed doctor of

chiropractic shall be physically present, responsible for the activities of the preceptor and in compliance with this declaratory statement and the laws and rules governing the practice of chiropractic in Louisiana.

The “internship” program, available to graduate chiropractic students who have completed licensure application to the Louisiana Board, is defined by LSA R.S. 37:2806.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2013, by the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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