



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-360A

Beth Kidd, Executive Director
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
421 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 180
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

August 30, 2018

Dear Executive Director Kidd:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action the Board intends to take pursuant to an agreed order in complaint 003-2017. The licensee provided free chiropractic adjustments to her boyfriend without her employer's knowledge. The Board proposes to require the licensee to pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty and \$1,190 in legal fees, and complete one year of probation with quarterly reporting and two essay examinations.

Under the Oklahoma Chiropractic Act, the Board has authority to "[r]evo[ke] or suspen[d]" a license, to "[r]estrict[] the practice of a chiropractic physician," and impose an "administrative penalty" when the Board finds that a licensee has "[v]iolat[ed] any of the rules of the Board." 59 O.S.2011, § 161.12(A), (B)(13). The Board's rules require licensees to "maintain the highest standards of professional and personal conduct" and to "refrain from all illegal or morally reprehensible conduct." OAC 140:15-7-5(5). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to prevent future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS
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