

(5) When an investigation of a chiropractic physician is undertaken, the department shall promptly furnish to the chiropractic physician or his attorney a copy of the complaint or document which resulted in the initiation of the investigation. The chiropractic physician may submit a written response to the information contained in such complaint or document within 45 days after service to the chiropractic physician of the complaint or document. The chiropractic physician's written response shall be considered by the probable cause panel.

**History.**—ss. 1, 7, ch. 79-211; s. 312, ch. 81-259; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 1, ch. 83-107; s. 22, ch. 83-329; ss. 13, 17, 18, ch. 86-285; s. 38, ch. 88-1; a. 17, ch. 88-277; s. 4, ch. 90-44; s. 1, ch. 90-79; ss. 45, 46, ch. 90-228; s. 64, ch. 91-220; s. 4, ch. 91-429; ss. 41, 93, ch. 92-149; s. 3, ch. 92-178; s. 30, ch. 95-144; ss. 6, 7, ch. 96-296; s. 222, ch. 96-410.

#### **460.4166 Registered chiropractic assistants.—**

(1) **DEFINITION.**—As used in this section, "registered chiropractic assistant" means a professional, multiskilled person dedicated to assisting in all aspects of chiropractic practice under the direct supervision and responsibility of a chiropractic physician. A registered chiropractic assistant assists with patient care management, executes administrative and clinical procedures, and often performs managerial and supervisory functions. Competence in the field also requires that a registered chiropractic assistant adhere to ethical and legal standards of professional practice, recognize and respond to emergencies, and demonstrate professional characteristics.

(2) **DUTIES.**—Under the direct supervision and responsibility of a licensed chiropractic physician, a registered chiropractic assistant may:

- (a) Perform clinical procedures, which include:
  1. Preparing patients for the chiropractic physician's care.
  2. Taking vital signs.
  3. Observing and reporting patients' signs or symptoms.
- (b) Administer basic first aid.
- (c) Assist with patient examinations or treatments other than manipulations or adjustments.
- (d) Operate office equipment.
- (e) Collect routine laboratory specimens as directed by the chiropractic physician.
- (f) Administer nutritional supplements as directed by the chiropractic physician.
- (g) Perform office procedures required by the chiropractic physician under direct supervision of the chiropractic physician.

(3) **REGISTRATION.**—Registered chiropractic assistants may be registered by the board for a biennial fee not to exceed \$25.

**History.**—s. 9, ch. 96-296.

## **CHAPTER 461**

### **PODIATRY**

461.012 Violations and penalties.

461.018 Limited scope of practice; area of need.

#### **461.012 Violations and penalties.—**

- (1) Each of the following acts constitutes a violation

of this chapter and is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084:

(a) Practicing or attempting to practice podiatric medicine without an active license or with a license fraudulently obtained.

(b) Advertising podiatric services without an active license obtained pursuant to this chapter or with a license fraudulently obtained.

(c) Using or attempting to use a license to practice podiatric medicine which has been suspended or revoked.

(2) Each of the following acts constitutes a violation of this chapter and is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083:

(a) Selling or fraudulently obtaining or furnishing any podiatry diploma, license, or record of registration or aiding or abetting in the same.

(b) Making any willfully false oath or affirmation whenever an oath or affirmation is required by this chapter.

(c) Using the name or title "Podiatrist," "Doctor of Podiatry," or "Doctor of Podiatric Medicine" or using the phrase "foot clinic," "foot doctor," "quiropedista," or any other name, title, or phrase which would lead the public to believe that such person is engaging in the practice of podiatric medicine unless such person is licensed as a podiatrist in this state.

(d) Knowingly concealing any information relative to violations of this chapter.

**History.**—ss. 1, 6, ch. 79-229; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 9, 12, 13, ch. 86-71; s. 88, ch. 91-224; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 1, ch. 96-222.

#### **461.018 Limited scope of practice; area of need.—**

Those persons holding valid certificates on October 1, 1991, who were certified pursuant to chapters 88-205 and 88-392, Laws of Florida, and who have been practicing under a board-approved protocol for at least 2 years are eligible to receive a license to practice without supervision under their present limited scope of practice of the nonsurgical treatment of corns, calluses, and ingrown toenails in a specially designated area of need as provided by rule of the board.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 96-222.

## **CHAPTER 463**

### **OPTOMETRY**

463.0055 Administration and prescription of topical ocular pharmaceutical agents; committee.

#### **463.0055 Administration and prescription of topical ocular pharmaceutical agents; committee.—**

(1) Certified optometrists may administer and prescribe topical ocular pharmaceutical agents as provided in this section for the diagnosis and treatment of ocular conditions of the human eye and its appendages without the use of surgery or other invasive techniques.