TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

CHAPTER 4 CHIROPRACTIC PRACTITIONERS
PART 19 CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS

16.4.19.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Chiropractic Board, PO Box 25101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

[16.4.19.1 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.1, 8/10/2019]

16.4.19.2 SCOPE: All chiropractic physicians and chiropractic assistants.

[16.4.19.2 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.2, 8/10/2019]

16.4.19.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: These rules of practice and procedure govern the practice of chiropractic in New Mexico and are promulgated pursuant to and in accordance with the Chiropractic Physician Practice Act, Subsection F of Section 61-4-3 and Subsection D of 61-4-5 NMSA 1978. [16.4.19.3 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.3, 8/10/2019]

16.4.19.4 DURATION: Permanent.

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16.4.19.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: August 10, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section or paragraph.

[16.4.19.5 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.5, 8/10/2019]

16.4.19.6 OBJECTIVE: To establish educational requirements and duties for chiropractic assistants and defines supervision of a chiropractic physician and define supervision of a chiropractic physician. [16.4.19.6 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.6, 8/10/2019]

16.4.19.7 DEFINITIONS: (Refer to subsection D of 16.4.1.7 NMAC).

[16.4.19.7 NMAC - Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.7, 8/10/2019]

16.4.19.8 CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT:

- **A.** The minimum education requirement for a chiropractic assistant is high school graduation or equivalent with a minimum of three months of supervised training in the specific duties and procedures the chiropractic assistant will perform.
- **B.** The chiropractic assistant can, under the supervision of the chiropractic physician, perform diagnostic tests and administer the use of any or all natural agencies imbued with the healing act such as food, water, heat, cold, electrical mechanical appliances, herbs, nutritional supplements and homeopathic remedies.
 - **C.** As used in this section, the term "under the supervision of the chiropractic physician" means that:
- (1) the chiropractic physician shall have a current New Mexico license in "good standing" with the board:
- (2) the chiropractic physician shall personally train the chiropractic assistant in any procedure they practice; and
- (3) the chiropractic physician must be physically present in the same building and immediately available in order for the chiropractic assistant to treat the patient. [16.4.19.8 NMAC Rp 16 NMAC 4.19.8, 8/10/2019]

HISTORY OF 16.4.19 NMAC:

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