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## TITLE 16OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSINGCHAPTER 4CHIROPRACTIC PRACTITIONERSPART 19CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS

**16.4.19.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Board of Chiropractic Examiners. [11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

**16.4.19.2 SCOPE:** All Chiropractic Physicians and Chiropractic Assistants. [11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

**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, Sections 61-4-3.F and 61-4-5.D NMSA 1978. [11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

**16.4.19.4 DURATION:** Permanent.

[11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

**16.4.19.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 16, 1997 unless a later date is cited at the end of a Section or Paragraph.

[11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

[Compiler's note: The term "*or paragraph*," above, is no longer applicable. Later dates are now cited only at the end of sections, in the history notes appearing in brackets.]

**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. [11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

**16.4.19.7 DEFINITIONS:** (Refer to Part 1).

[11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

## 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 New Mexico Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(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. [1-13-96, 11-16-97; Recompiled 12/31/01]

## HISTORY of 16.4.19 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History:

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