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Board of Chiropractic Examiners Adopts New Regulations for the Use of Laser in Chiropractic

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE) has adopted significant consumer protection regulations to ensure the safe use of lasers in the chiropractic profession. This regulation, California Code of Regulations section 302.5, was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and will go into effect on July 14, 2012.

In addition to ensuring that licensees follow all applicable laws and guidelines, this regulation will prohibit the use of lasers in chiropractic which are not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or for treatments that are not consistent with the FDA's approval. The regulation also prohibits the use of lasers outside the chiropractic scope of practice, including the laser treatment of allergies.

The BCE considers this an integral step in promoting consumer protection given the emerging use of lasers within various health care professions.

To view the language for this adopted regulation, please go to the following link:
http://www.chiro.ca.gov/laws_regs/use_laser.pdf

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