

Standard of Acceptable Care

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It is the position of the Board that the standard of acceptable care, unless defined by Rule, shall be the usual and customary method as taught in the majority of recognized chiropractic colleges accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and the level and type of care that a reasonably competent and skilled chiropractor, with a similar background, in the same community would have provided under the same circumstances.

It is the position of the Board, in an environment of ever-evolving treatments, that all licensees are required to educate themselves through formal, post-graduate education/training with respect to procedures, technologies, modalities and other treatments that extend beyond those taught in the majority of recognized chiropractic colleges. Training should be adequate to perform any and all such treatments at accepted and prevailing standards of care. Patient harm can occur when licensees practice outside areas in which they were formally trained and are unable to meet applicable standards of care.

The Board will leverage its collective experience in evaluating acceptable care complaints and bring in additional expertise as necessary, in determining the level and type of care that a reasonably competent and skilled chiropractor, with a similar background, would have provided under the same circumstances.

****Nothing in this Position Statement shall alter the lawful Acceptable care in the practice of chiropractic as defined in N.C.G.S. §90-154.3.***