



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.151 Legacied naprapaths and mechanotherapists.

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(A) Naprapaths who received a certificate to practice from the state medical board prior to March 2, 1992, may continue to practice naprapathy, as defined in rules adopted by the board. Such naprapaths shall practice in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

(B)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Mechanotherapy" means all of the following:

(i) Examining patients by verbal inquiry;

(ii) Examination of the musculoskeletal system by hand;

(iii) Visual inspection and observation;

(iv) Diagnosing a patient's condition only as to whether the patient has a disorder of the musculoskeletal system;

(v) In the treatment of patients, employing the techniques of advised or supervised exercise; electrical neuromuscular stimulation; massage or manipulation; or air, water, heat, cold, sound, or infrared ray therapy only to those disorders of the musculoskeletal system that are amenable to treatment by such techniques and that are identifiable by examination performed in accordance with division (B)(1)(a)(i) of this section and diagnosable in accordance with division (B)(1)(a)(ii) of this section.

(b) "Educational requirements" means the completion of a course of study appropriate for certification to practice mechanotherapy on or before November 3, 1985, as determined by rules adopted under this chapter.



(2) Mechanotherapists who received a certificate to practice from the board prior to March 2, 1992, may continue to practice mechanotherapy, as defined in rules adopted by the board. Such mechanotherapists shall practice in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

A person authorized by this division to practice as a mechanotherapist may examine, diagnose, and assume responsibility for the care of patients with due regard for first aid and the hygienic and nutritional care of the patients. Roentgen rays shall be used by a mechanotherapist only for diagnostic purposes.

(3) A person who holds a certificate to practice mechanotherapy and completed educational requirements in mechanotherapy on or before November 3, 1985, is entitled to use the title "doctor of mechanotherapy" and is a "physician" who performs "medical services" for the purposes of Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code and the medicaid program, and shall receive payment or reimbursement as provided under those chapters and that program.

(C) Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to a certificate to practice naprapathy or mechanotherapy issued under this section.