



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4762.10 Supervisory period; treatment instructions for herbal therapy.

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The following, as applicable, apply to an individual who holds a certificate to practice as an oriental medicine practitioner or certificate to practice as an acupuncturist:

(A) On receipt of an initial certificate to practice, the practice of the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist is subject to a supervisory period. The supervisory period shall begin on the date the initial certificate is granted and end one year thereafter, except that if the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist is subject during that year to disciplinary action taken by the state medical board pursuant to section 4762.13 of the Revised Code, the supervision shall continue until the practitioner or acupuncturist has not been subject to any disciplinary action for one year.

(B) During the supervisory period, both of the following apply to an oriental medicine practitioner's or acupuncturist's practice in addition to the applicable requirements of divisions (D) and (E) of this section:

(1) An oriental medicine practitioner shall perform oriental medicine or acupuncture for a patient only if the patient has received a written referral or prescription for oriental medicine or acupuncture from a physician or for acupuncture from a chiropractor. An acupuncturist shall perform acupuncture for a patient only if the patient has received a written referral or prescription for acupuncture from a physician or chiropractor. As specified in the referral or prescription, the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall provide reports to the physician or chiropractor on the patient's condition or progress in treatment and comply with the conditions or restrictions on the practitioner's or acupuncturist's course of treatment.

(2) The oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall perform oriental medicine or acupuncture under the general supervision of the patient's referring or prescribing physician or chiropractor, except that an oriental medicine practitioner using herbal therapy in the treatment of a patient shall not provide herbal therapy under the general supervision of a chiropractor. General supervision does not require that the oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist and supervising



physician or chiropractor practice in the same office.

(C) After the supervisory period has ended, both of the following apply to an oriental medicine practitioner's or acupuncturist's practice in addition to the applicable requirements of divisions (D) and (E) of this section:

(1) Before treating a patient for a particular condition, an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist shall confirm whether the patient has undergone within the past six months a diagnostic examination that was related to the condition for which the patient is seeking oriental medicine or acupuncture and was performed by a physician or chiropractor acting within the physician's or chiropractor's scope of practice. Confirmation that the diagnostic examination was performed may be made by obtaining from the patient a signed form stating that the patient has undergone the examination.

(2) If the patient does not provide the signed form specified in division (C)(1) of this section or an oriental medicine practitioner or acupuncturist otherwise determines that the patient has not undergone the diagnostic examination specified in that division, the practitioner or acupuncturist shall provide to the patient a written recommendation to undergo a diagnostic examination by a physician or chiropractor.

(D) In an individual's practice of oriental medicine or acupuncture pursuant to a certificate to practice issued under this chapter, all of the following apply:

(1) Prior to treating a patient, the individual shall advise the patient that oriental medicine or acupuncture, as applicable, is not a substitute for conventional medical diagnosis and treatment.

(2) On initially meeting a patient in person, the individual shall provide in writing the individual's name, business address, and business telephone number, and information on oriental medicine or acupuncture, as applicable, including the techniques that are used.

(3) While treating a patient, the individual shall not make a diagnosis. If a patient's condition is not improving or a patient requires emergency medical treatment, the individual shall consult promptly with a physician.



(4) The individual shall maintain records for each patient treated. The records shall be confidential and shall be retained for not less than three years following termination of treatment. The individual shall include in a patient's records the written referral or prescription pursuant to which the patient is treated during a supervisory period and any written referral or prescription for oriental medicine or acupuncture received for a patient being treated after the supervisory period.

(E) In an individual's practice of oriental medicine by using herbal therapy in the treatment of a patient, all of the following apply:

(1) The oriental medicine practitioner shall provide to the patient counseling and treatment instructions. The treatment instructions shall do all of the following:

(a) Explain the need for herbal therapy;

(b) Instruct the patient how to take the herbal therapy;

(c) Explain possible contraindications to the herbal therapy and provide sources of care in case of an adverse reaction;

(d) Instruct the patient to inform the patient's other health care providers, including the patient's pharmacist, of the herbal therapy that has been provided to the patient.

(2) The oriental medicine practitioner shall document all of the following in the patient's record:

(a) The type, amount, and strength of herbal therapy recommended for the patient's use;

(b) The counseling and treatment instructions provided to the patient under division (E)(1) of this section;

(c) Any adverse reaction reported by the patient in conjunction with the use of herbal therapy.

(3) The oriental medicine practitioner shall report to the state medical board any adverse reactions



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reported by the patient under division (E)(2)(c) of this section.