

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
CHAPTER 100-15, CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS, RULE 100-15-.01, AND NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule Chapter 100-15, Chiropractic Assistants, Rule 100-15-.01 (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being disseminated to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board website <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/14>, or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on May 1, 2015, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on April 24, 2015. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; Fax (866) 888-1308.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on May 1, 2015 at the Georgia Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Board has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendment to 100-15-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 43-7-7.2(4).

At its meeting on November 7, 2014, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the

proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-7-7.2(4).

Additionally, at its meeting November 7, 2014, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-9-4, 43-9-6.1 and 43-8-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of chiropractic examiners.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 19th day of March 2015.



Lisa W. Durden
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: March 19, 2015

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS RULE FOR CHAPTER 100-15, CHIROPRACTIC
ASSISTANTS, RULE 100-15-.01.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to clarify the statute that allows Chiropractic Assistants may administer modalities under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

Main Features: The rule points back to the statute that allows Chiropractic Assistants may administer modalities under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTI EXAMINERS RULE
FOR CHAPTER 100-15, CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS, RULE 100-15-.01.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

100-15-.01 Chiropractic Assistants.

Chiropractors duly licensed in this state may utilize persons to assist them in those practices and procedures authorized by Title 43, Chapter 9 of the O.C.G.A. subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Only licensed doctors of chiropractic shall be authorized to perform adjustments of the articulations of the human body.
- (b) A person assisting a licensed doctor of chiropractic shall do so only under the direct order and direct supervision of a licensed doctor of chiropractic.
 - 1. For purposes of this Rule, "direct order" shall mean a written or verbal instruction or direction to perform practices or procedures authorized by Title 43, Chapter 9 of the O.C.G.A.
 - 2. For purposes of this Rule, "direct supervision" shall mean that a licensed doctor of chiropractic is physically present in the facility or office and is responsible for all practices and procedures performed under his or her direct order.
- (c) A chiropractic assistant may administer modalities, in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-9-16(b), to patients only in those instances in which the assistant is acting under the direct order and direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor certified by the Board to utilize these modalities.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-9-7.2(4)