

Ethical Issues in Chiropractic Practice: 6-Hour

Tuition: \$99

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Instructor

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Course Description

This course will explore a range of topics existing under the umbrella term "ethical practices" as it applies to the practice of chiropractic. We will look at questions and concerns related to ethics and the lawful practice of chiropractic in a number of areas including: billing practices, documentation, time per patient, billings, and up-coding practices, and culture differences in care.

Requirements

Six hours of class participation and successful completion of an examination related to the course materials.

Evaluation

Written test of at least 20 questions constructed with multiple choice, true/false and essay items. Learner must score 75% on examinations to receive certificate of completion.

Outline

Hour:

ONE - Introduction

Introduction to terminology and ethics as it relates to chiropractic practice.

TWO – Identifying Characteristics of Ethical Behavior

Case studies using actual fraudulent chiropractors will be used to present types of fraudulent activity and the penalties that are associated with participation in these activities. Discussion of values as they relate to doctor behavior.

THREE – Ethics in Practice

Identification of the characteristics of ethical and unethical behavior. Discussion of the covenant of trust between a doctor and a patient. Discussion of appropriate advertising, collection practices, medical records, upcoding and business ethics.

FOUR – Professional Rules

Understand ethics and societies expectations of the professional, advertising and professionalism. Identify how to be an ethical professional.

Analyze societies expectations of a professional who serves the public.

FIVE – Informed Consent

Appropriate procedures and practices related to informed consent associated with patient care.

SIX – Professional Boundaries

Discussion of professional boundary related issues and prevention points for chiropractic practice.

Objectives

1. Inform Doctors about the ethics and penalties associated with filing false documentation regarding services.
2. Explore what “Chiropractic Fraud” means as this terminology relates to code stuffing, over utilization, up coding related to patient/doctor interaction, double billing, etc.
3. Delve into what constitutes ethical of billing practices.
4. Case presentations, which document fraudulent conduct, will be used to present the realities of civil, administrative, criminal penalties related to fraudulent activities.
5. Regulation Z of Consumer Protection Act or Truth in Lending Act (Applies to collection of patient’s medical payments)
6. Identification of the characteristics of ethical behavior.
7. Review the chiropractic oath as it applies to everyday chiropractic care.