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**POSITION STATEMENT  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

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**PUBLIC CHAPTER 357**

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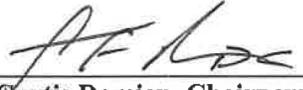
Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-18-105 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of this part, no establishment license is required for the office of a physician licensed under chapter 4, 6, or 9 of this title if a massage for compensation is provided within that office by a licensed massage therapist. This statute went into effect May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and states that a massage establishment license is no longer required for the office of a licensed medical doctor, osteopathic doctor, or doctor of chiropractic if a massage for compensation is provided within that office by a licensed massage therapist.

1. To qualify as a Chiropractic Office, chiropractic service must be the primary treatment at said facility.
2. If Massage services are provided to the public outside of the Chiropractic Office, an establishment license may still be required for the Licensed Massage Therapist according to the Tennessee Board of Massage Therapy rules.
3. Massage Therapists providing massage services in a Chiropractic Office must uphold to all ethical standards at all times in accordance to the Tennessee Massage Licensure Act. In addition, the Chiropractic Office must maintain a current copy of the active license of all Massage Therapist providing services in said facility.

It is recommended that Chiropractic Physicians complete a one- time 2 hour TN Massage Law Course in addition to their regular required continuing education when collaborating healthcare services to insure that all ethical practices are being met.

A licensed Massage Therapists who works in a Chiropractic Physician's office either offering massage services to the patients of said office, or to their own cliental while in the office are no longer required to have a massage establishment license in the state of Tennessee.

**Adopted by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.**

  
**Curtis Damien, Chairperson**  
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