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CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA), after due consideration and after consultation with the Professional Board: Chiropractic and Osteopathy (PBCO), taking into account section 2(a) of the Allied Health Professions Act (63/1982) ("the Act"), together with Regulation 27 of Government Notice No.R.127 of 12 February 2001, in reaffirming the AHPCSA decision taken in terms of sections 3(f) and 3(h) of the Act in 2010, as well as section 22A of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965 has resolved, against the background that the AHPCSA has the power to generally do all such things as it may deem necessary or expedient for the purpose of achieving the objects of the Act, that the use of **any** injection therapy is **unprofessional conduct** for any chiropractor or osteopath.

The AHPCSA, after consultation with the Professional Board: Chiropractic and Osteopathy (PBCO), has resolved that injection therapy is not consistent with the provision that chiropractors or osteopaths are limited to substances that are intended exclusively for application to the skin; nor is injection therapy indicated for emergency treatment of neuromusculo-skeletal conditions; and the sale, possession of and use of any injectables is unlawful in light of the provisions of section 22A of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, Act 101 of 1965. In addition to the AHPCSA resolution that the use of **any** injection therapy as part on any treatment protocol is **unprofessional conduct** for any chiropractor or osteopath, the following activities are also strictly prohibited for chiropractors or osteopaths: -

1. Promoting the use of injection therapy to other chiropractors, osteopaths, chiropractic learners or chiropractic interns; and
2. Providing any education or training in the use of injection therapy to chiropractors, osteopaths, chiropractic learners or chiropractic interns.

Should the AHPCSA become aware of any chiropractor or osteopath engaging in any of the above-mentioned prohibited activities or any other activity relating to the use of injection therapy, such chiropractor or osteopath shall face disciplinary action in terms of sections 23 to 30 of the Act.



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