



*Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors Standard  
Of Practice: Spousal or Family Member  
Treatment with Third-Party Insurance Billing*

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**Intent:**

To provide guidance to members and the public about the expectations of the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors (the “NSCC”) concerning what constitutes “professional services usually performed by or under the supervision of a chiropractor”, as set out in the definition of Chiropractic in section 2(c) of the Chiropractic Act.

**1. Spousal or Family Member Treatment with Third-Party Insurance Billing**

The Board of the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors does not prohibit its members from treating their spouses or family members under Workers’ Compensation Board (WCB) claims or other recognized third-party payer systems. The Board is cognizant of the potential for improper conduct in such a scenario; however it does not feel justified in placing restrictions on the treatment of members for the following reasons:

- a.) Due to the limited number of chiropractors, there are several regions of the province where access to other chiropractors would involve significant hardship in terms of travel; and,
- b.) The Board regulations, Chiropractic Act, and Code of Ethics are clear that any form of “fraudulent” behavior with regard to insurance billing is subject to disciplinary consequences.

Chiropractors should be aware that, in providing treatment to any family member may receive careful scrutiny by insurance providers and would be expected to provide care which would be appropriate to any patient in the same condition and circumstance.