

UTAH OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT

Part 1 - General Provisions

58-68-101. Title.

This chapter is the "Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act."

58-68-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:

- (1) "ACGME" means the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education of the American Medical Association.
- (2) "Administrative penalty" means a monetary fine imposed by the division for acts or omissions determined to constitute unprofessional or unlawful conduct, as a result of an adjudicative proceeding conducted in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (3) "AOA" means the American Osteopathic Association.
- (4) "Board" means the Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon's Licensing Board created in Section 58-68-201.
- (5) "Diagnose" means:
 - (a) to examine in any manner another person, parts of a person's body, substances, fluids, or materials excreted, taken, or removed from a person's body, or produced by a person's body, to determine the source, nature, kind, or extent of a disease or other physical or mental condition;
 - (b) to attempt to conduct an examination or determination described under Subsection (5) (a); or
 - (c) to hold oneself out as making or to represent that one is making an examination or determination as described in Subsection (5) (a); or
 - (d) to make an examination or determination as described in Subsection (5) (a) upon or from information supplied directly or indirectly by another person, whether or not in the presence of the person making or attempting the diagnosis or examination.
- (6) "Medical assistant" means an unlicensed individual working under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon and engaged in specific tasks assigned by the licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon in accordance with the standards and ethics of the profession.
- (7) "Physician" means both physicians and surgeons licensed under Section 58-67-301, Utah Medical Practice Act, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons licensed under Section 58-68-301, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.
- (8) "Practice of osteopathic medicine" means:
 - (a) to diagnose, treat, correct, administer anesthesia, or prescribe for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition, physical or mental, real or imaginary, or to attempt to do so, by any means or instrumentality, which in whole or in part is based upon emphasis of the importance of the musculoskeletal system and manipulative therapy in the maintenance and restoration of health, by an individual in Utah or outside of the state upon or for any human within the state, except that conduct described in this Subsection (8) (a) that is performed by a person legally and in accordance with a license issued under another chapter of this title does not constitute the practice of medicine;
 - (b) when a person not licensed as a physician directs a licensee under this chapter to withhold or alter the health care services that the licensee has ordered, but practice of medicine does not include any conduct under Subsection 58-68-501(2);
 - (c) to maintain an office or place of business for the purpose of doing any of the acts described in Subsection (8) (a) whether or not for compensation; or

- (d) to use, in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of human diseases or conditions, in any printed material, stationery, letterhead, envelopes, signs, or advertisements, the designation "doctor," "doctor of osteopathic medicine," "osteopathic physician," "osteopathic surgeon," "osteopathic physician and surgeon," "Dr.," "D.O.," or any combination of these designations in any manner which might cause a reasonable person to believe the individual using the designation is a licensed osteopathic physician, and if the party using the designation is not a licensed osteopathic physician, the designation must additionally contain the description of the branch of the healing arts for which the person has a license, provided that an individual who has received an earned degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine but is not a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon in Utah may use the designation "D.O." if it is followed by "Not Licensed" or "Not Licensed in Utah" in the same size and style of lettering.
- (9) "Prescription device" means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, and any component part or accessory, which is required under federal or state law to be prescribed by a practitioner and dispensed by or through a person or entity licensed under this chapter or exempt from licensure under this chapter.
- (10) "Prescription drug" means a drug that is required by federal or state law or rule to be dispensed only by prescription or is restricted to administration only by practitioners.
- (11) "SPEX" means the Special Purpose Examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards.
- (12) "Unlawful conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-68-501.
- (13) "Unprofessional conduct" is as defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-68-502 and as may be further defined by division rule.

Part 2 - Board

58-68-201. Board.

- (1) There is created the Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon's Licensing Board consisting of four osteopathic physicians and surgeons and one member of the general public.
- (2) The board shall be appointed and serve in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- (3)
 - (a) The duties and responsibilities of the board are in accordance with Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203.
 - (b) The board may also designate one of its members on a permanent or rotating basis to:
 - (i) assist the division in reviewing complaints concerning the unlawful or unprofessional conduct of a licensee; and
 - (ii) advise the division in its investigation of these complaints.
- (4) A board member who has, under Subsection (3), reviewed a complaint or advised in its investigation may be disqualified from participating with the board when the board serves as a presiding officer in an adjudicative proceeding concerning that complaint.

Part 3 - Licensing

58-68-301. Licensure required - License classifications.

- (1) A license is required to engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine on or for any person in Utah, as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, except as specifically provided in Section 58-1-307 or 58-68-305.
- (2) The division shall issue to a person who qualifies under this chapter a license in the classification of osteopathic physician and surgeon.

Qualifications for licensure.

- (1) An applicant for licensure as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, except as set forth in Subsection (2), shall:
 - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division, which may include:
 - (i) submissions by the applicant of information maintained by practitioner data banks, as designated by division rule, with respect to the applicant;
 - (ii) a record of professional liability claims made against the applicant and settlements paid by or on behalf of the applicant; and
 - (iii) authorization to use a record coordination and verification service approved by the division in collaboration with the board;
 - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) be of good moral character;
 - (d) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of professional education preparing an individual as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, as evidenced by:
 - (i) having received an earned degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine from an AOA approved medical school or college; or
 - (ii) submitting a current certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates or any successor organization approved by the division in collaboration with the board, if the applicant graduated from an osteopathic medical school or college located outside of the United States or its territories which at the time of the applicant's graduation, met criteria for accreditation by the AOA;
 - (e) satisfy the division and board that the applicant:
 - (i) has successfully completed 24 months of progressive resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program after receiving a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine required under Subsection (1) (d); or
 - (ii)
 - (A) has successfully completed 12 months of resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program after receiving a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine as required under Subsection (1) (d);
 - (B) has been accepted in and is successfully participating in progressive resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program within Utah, in the applicant's second or third year of postgraduate training; and
 - (C) has agreed to surrender to the division the applicant's license as an osteopathic physician and surgeon without any proceedings under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, and has agreed the applicant's license as an osteopathic physician and surgeon will be automatically revoked by the division if the applicant fails to continue in good standing in an ACGME or AOA approved progressive resident training program within the state;
 - (f) pass the licensing examination sequence required by division rule, as made in collaboration with the board;
 - (g) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board, if requested by the board;
 - (h) meet with the board and representatives of the division, if requested for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure;
 - (i) designate:

- (i) a contact person for access to medical records in accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; and
 - (ii) an alternate contact person for access to medical records, in the event the original contact person is unable or unwilling to serve as the contact person for access to medical records; and
 - (j) establish a method for notifying patients of the identity and location of the contact person and alternate contact person, if the applicant will practice in a location with no other persons licensed under this chapter.
- (2) An applicant for licensure as an osteopathic physician and surgeon by endorsement who is currently licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in any other state other than Utah, a district or territory of the United States, or Canada shall:
- (a) be currently licensed with a full unrestricted license in good standing in any state, district or territory of the United States, or Canada;
 - (b) have been actively engaged in the legal practice of osteopathic medicine in any state, district or territory of the United States, or Canada for not less than 6,000 hours during the five years immediately preceding the day on which the applicant applied for licensure in Utah;
 - (c) comply with the requirements for licensure under Subsections (1)(a) through (d), (1)(e)(i), and (1)(g) through (j);
 - (d) have passed the licensing examination sequence required in Subsection (1)(f) or another medical licensing examination sequence in another state, district or territory of the United States, or Canada that the division in collaboration with the board by rulemaking determines is equivalent to its own required examination;
 - (e) not have any investigation or action pending against any health care license of the applicant, not have a health care license that was suspended or revoked in any state, district or territory of the United States, or Canada, and not have surrendered a health care license in lieu of a disciplinary action, unless:
 - (i) the license was subsequently reinstated as a full unrestricted license in good standing; or
 - (ii) the division in collaboration with the board determines, after full disclosure by the applicant, that:
 - (A) the conduct has been corrected, monitored, and resolved; or
 - (B) a mitigating circumstance exists that prevents its resolution, and the division in collaboration with the board is satisfied that, but for the mitigating circumstance, the license would be reinstated;
 - (f) submit to a records review, a practice review history, and physical and psychological assessments if requested by the division in collaboration with the board; and
 - (g) produce evidence that the applicant meets the requirements of this Subsection (2) to the satisfaction of the division in collaboration with the board.
- (3) An applicant for licensure by endorsement may engage in the practice of medicine under a temporary license while the applicant's application for licensure is being processed by the division, provided:
- (a) the applicant submits a complete application required for temporary licensure to the division;
 - (b) the applicant submits a written document to the division from:
 - (i) a health care facility under Title 26, Chapter 21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act, stating that the applicant is practicing under the invitation of the health care facility;
 - or

- (ii) two individuals licensed under this chapter, whose license is in good standing and who practice in the same clinical location, both stating that:
 - (A) the applicant is practicing under the invitation of the individual; and
 - (B) the applicant will practice at the same clinical location as the individual;
 - (c) the applicant submits a signed certification to the division that the applicant meets the requirements of Subsection (2);
 - (d) the applicant does not engage in the practice of medicine until the division has issued a temporary license;
 - (e) the temporary license is only issued for and may not be extended beyond the duration of one year from issuance; and
 - (f) the temporary license expires immediately and prior to the expiration of one year from issuance, upon notification from the division that the applicant's application for licensure by endorsement is denied.
- (4) The division shall issue a temporary license under Subsection (3) within 15 business days after the applicant satisfies the requirements of Subsection (3).

58-68-303. Term of license - Expiration - Renewal.

- (1)
 - (a) The division shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by division rule.
 - (b) The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles it administers.
- (2) At the time of renewal, the licensee shall show compliance with:
 - (a) continuing education renewal requirements; and
 - (b) the requirement for designation of a contact person and alternate contact person for access to medical records and notice to patients as required by Subsections 58-68-304(1)(b) and (c).
- (3) Each license issued under this chapter expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless renewed in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

58-68-304. License renewal requirements.

- (1) As a condition precedent for license renewal, each licensee shall, during each two-year licensure cycle or other cycle defined by division rule:
 - (a) complete qualified continuing professional education requirements in accordance with the number of hours and standards defined by division rule in collaboration with the board;
 - (b) appoint a contact person for access to medical records and an alternate contact person for access to medical records in accordance with Subsection 58-68-302(1)(i); and
 - (c) if the licensee practices osteopathic medicine in a location with no other persons licensed under this chapter, provide some method of notice to the licensee's patients of the identity and location of the contact person and alternate contact person for access to medical records for the licensee in accordance with Subsection 58-68-302(1)(j).
- (2) If a renewal period is extended or shortened under Section 58-68-303, the continuing education hours required for license renewal under this section are increased or decreased proportionally.
- (3) An application to renew a license under this chapter shall:
 - (a) require a physician to answer the following question: "Do you perform elective abortions in Utah in a location other than a hospital?"; and
 - (b) immediately following the question, contain the following statement: "For purposes of the immediately preceding question, elective abortion means an abortion other than one of the following: removal of a dead

fetus, removal of an ectopic pregnancy, an abortion that is necessary to avert the death of a woman, an abortion that is necessary to avert a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of a woman, an abortion of a fetus that has a defect that is uniformly diagnosable and uniformly lethal, or an abortion where the woman is pregnant as a result of rape or incest."

- (4) In order to assist the Department of Health in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to the licensing of an abortion clinic, if a physician responds positively to the question described in Subsection (3)(a), the division shall, within 30 days after the day on which it renews the physician's license under this chapter, inform the Department of Health in writing:
 - (a) of the name and business address of the physician; and
 - (b) that the physician responded positively to the question described in Subsection (3)(a).

58-68-305. Exemptions from licensure.

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following individuals may engage in the described acts or practices without being licensed under this chapter:

- (1) an individual rendering aid in an emergency, when no fee or other consideration of value for the service is charged, received, expected, or contemplated;
- (2) an individual administering a domestic or family remedy;
- (3)
 - (a)
 - (i) a person engaged in the lawful sale of vitamins, health foods, dietary supplements, herbs, or other products of nature, the sale of which is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law; and
 - (ii) a person acting in good faith for religious reasons, as a matter of conscience, or based on a personal belief, when obtaining or providing any information regarding health care and the use of any product under Subsection (3)(a)(i); and
 - (b) Subsection (3)(a) does not:
 - (i) permit a person to diagnose any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition; or
 - (ii) prohibit providing truthful and non-misleading information regarding any of the products under Subsection (3)(a)(i);
- (4) a person engaged in good faith in the practice of the religious tenets of any church or religious belief without the use of prescription drugs;
- (5) an individual authorized by the Department of Health under Section 26-1-30, to withdraw blood to determine the alcohol or drug content pursuant to Section 41-6-44.1;
- (6) a medical assistant while working under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed osteopathic physician, to the extent the medical assistant is engaged in tasks appropriately delegated by the supervisor in accordance with the standards and ethics of the practice of medicine;
- (7) an individual engaging in the practice of osteopathic medicine when:
 - (a) the individual is licensed in good standing as an osteopathic physician in another state with no licensing action pending and no less than ten years of professional experience;
 - (b) the services are rendered as a public service and for a noncommercial purpose;
 - (c) no fee or other consideration of value is charged, received, expected, or contemplated for the services rendered beyond an amount necessary to cover the proportionate cost of malpractice insurance; and
 - (d) the individual does not otherwise engage in unlawful or unprofessional conduct;
- (8) an individual providing expert testimony in a legal proceeding; and

- (9) an individual who is invited by a school, association, society or other body approved by the division in collaboration with the board to conduct a clinic or demonstration of the practice of medicine in which patients are treated, if:
- (a) the individual does not establish a place of business in this state;
 - (b) the individual does not regularly engage in the practice of medicine in this state;
 - (c) the individual holds a current license in good standing to practice medicine issued by another state, district or territory of the United States, or Canada;
 - (d) the primary purpose of the event is the training of others in the practice of medicine; and
 - (e) neither the patient nor an insurer is billed for the services performed.

58-68-306. Status of licenses held on the effective date of this chapter.

An individual holding a current license as an osteopathic physician that was issued under any prior state law is considered to hold a current license in the same classification under this chapter.

Part 4 - License Denial and Discipline

58-68-401. Grounds for denial of license - Disciplinary proceedings.

Grounds for division action are set forth in Sections 58-1-401 and 58-68-503.

58-68-402. Authority to assess penalties.

The division in collaboration with the board may assess penalties as described in Section 58-68-503.

58-68-403. Revocation of license - Nondisciplinary.

Revocation by the division of a license under Subsection 58-68-302(1) (e) for failure to continue on a resident training program for reasons other than unprofessional or unlawful conduct is a nondisciplinary action and may not be reported by the division as a disciplinary action against the licensee.

Part 5 - Unlawful and Unprofessional Conduct - Penalties

58-68-501. Unlawful conduct.

- (1) "Unlawful conduct" includes, in addition to the definition in Section 58-1-501:
- (a) buying, selling, or fraudulently obtaining any osteopathic medical diploma, license, certificate, or registration;
 - (b) aiding or abetting the buying, selling, or fraudulently obtaining of any osteopathic medical diploma, license, certificate, or registration;
 - (c) substantially interfering with a licensee's lawful and competent practice of medicine in accordance with this chapter by:
 - (i) any person or entity that manages, owns, operates, or conducts a business having a direct or indirect financial interest in the licensee's professional practice; or
 - (ii) anyone other than another physician licensed under this title, who is engaged in direct clinical care or consultation with the licensee in accordance with the standards and ethics of the profession of medicine; or

- (d) entering into a contract that limits a licensee's ability to advise the licensee's patients fully about treatment options or other issues that affect the health care of the licensee's patients.
- (2) "Unlawful conduct" does not include:
- (a) establishing, administering, or enforcing the provisions of a policy of disability insurance by an insurer doing business in this state in accordance with Title 31A, Insurance Code;
 - (b) adopting, implementing, or enforcing utilization management standards related to payment for a licensee's services, provided that:
 - (i) utilization management standards adopted, implemented, and enforced by the payer have been approved by a physician or by a committee that contains one or more physicians; and
 - (ii) the utilization management standards does not preclude a licensee from exercising independent professional judgment on behalf of the licensee's patients in a manner that is independent of payment considerations;
 - (c) developing and implementing clinical practice standards that are intended to reduce morbidity and mortality or developing and implementing other medical or surgical practice standards related to the standardization of effective health care practices, provided that:
 - (i) the practice standards and recommendations have been approved by a physician or by a committee that contains one or more physicians; and
 - (ii) the practice standards do not preclude a licensee from exercising independent professional judgment on behalf of the licensee's patients in a manner that is independent of payment considerations;
 - (d) requesting or recommending that a patient obtain a second opinion from a licensee;
 - (e) conducting peer review, quality evaluation, quality improvement, risk management, or similar activities designed to identify and address practice deficiencies with health care providers, health care facilities, or the delivery of health care;
 - (f) providing employment supervision or adopting employment requirements that do not interfere with the licensee's ability to exercise independent professional judgment on behalf of the licensee's patients, provided that employment requirements that may not be considered to interfere with an employed licensee's exercise of independent professional judgment include:
 - (i) an employment requirement that restricts the licensee's access to patients with whom the licensee's employer does not have a contractual relationship, either directly or through contracts with one or more third-party payers; or
 - (ii) providing compensation incentives that are not related to the treatment of any particular patient;
 - (g) providing benefit coverage information, giving advice, or expressing opinions to a patient or to a family member of a patient to assist the patient or family member in making a decision about health care that has been recommended by a licensee; or
 - (h) any otherwise lawful conduct that does not substantially interfere with the licensee's ability to exercise independent professional judgment on behalf of the licensee's patients and that does not constitute the practice of medicine as defined in this chapter.

58-68-502. Unprofessional conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes, in addition to the definition in Section 58-1-501, using or employing the services of any individual to assist a licensee in any

manner not in accordance with the generally recognized practices, standards, or ethics of the profession, state law, or division rule.

58-68-503. Penalties and administrative actions for unlawful and unprofessional conduct.

- (1) Any person who violates the unlawful conduct provisions of Section 58-68-501 or Section 58-1-501 is guilty of a third degree felony.
- (2) (a) Subject to Subsection (4), the division may punish unprofessional or unlawful conduct by:
 - (i) assessing administrative penalties; or
 - (ii) taking any other appropriate administrative action.(b) A monetary administrative penalty imposed under this section shall be deposited in the Physician Education Fund described in Section 58-67a-1.
- (3) If a licensee is convicted of unlawful conduct, described in Section 58-68-501, before an administrative proceeding regarding the same conduct, the licensee may not be assessed an administrative fine under this chapter for the same conduct.
- (4) (a) If the division concludes that an individual has violated the provisions of Section 58-68-501, Section 58-68-502, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Act, the Utah Controlled Substances Act, or any rule or order issued with respect to these provisions, and disciplinary action is appropriate, the director or director's designee shall:
 - (i) issue a citation to the individual;
 - (ii) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement; or
 - (iii) notify the individual that an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, will be commenced and the individual is invited to appear.(b) The division may take the following action against an individual who is in violation of a provision described in Subsection (4)(a), as evidenced by an uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or a finding of violation in an adjudicative proceeding:
 - (i) assess a fine of up to \$10,000 per single violation or \$2,000 per day of ongoing violation, whichever is greater, in accordance with a fine schedule established by rule; or
 - (ii) order to cease and desist from the behavior that constitutes a violation of the provisions described in Subsection (4)(a).(c) Except for an administrative fine and a cease and desist order, the licensure sanctions cited in Section 58-1-401 may not be assessed through a citation.
- (d) Each citation issued under this section shall:
 - (i) be in writing;
 - (ii) clearly describe or explain:
 - (A) the nature of the violation, including a reference to the provision of the chapter, rule, or order alleged to have been violated;
 - (B) that the recipient must notify the division within 20 calendar days from the day on which the citation is served if the recipient wishes to contest the citation at a hearing conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act; and
 - (C) the consequences of failure to timely contest the citation or pay the fine assessed by the citation within the time specified in the citation; and
 - (iii) be served in accordance with the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (e) If the individual to whom the citation is issued fails to request a hearing to contest the citation within 20 calendar days from the day on

which the citation is served, the citation becomes the final order of the division and is not subject to further agency review. The period to contest the citation may be extended by the division for cause.

- (f) The division may refuse to issue or renew or suspend, revoke, or place on probation the license of an individual who fails to comply with a citation after the citation becomes final.
- (g) The failure of an applicant for licensure to comply with a citation after it becomes final is a ground for denial of license.
- (h) No citation may be issued under this section after six months from the day on which the violation last occurred.

Part 6 - Impaired Osteopathic Physician

58-68-601. Mentally incompetent or incapacitated osteopathic physician.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Incapacitated person" is as defined in Section 75-1-201.
 - (b) "Mental illness" is as defined in Section 62A-15-602.
- (2) If a court of competent jurisdiction determines an osteopathic physician and surgeon is an incapacitated person or that the physician or surgeon has a mental illness and is unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine, the director shall immediately suspend the license of the osteopathic physician and surgeon upon the entry of the judgment of the court, without further proceedings under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, regardless of whether an appeal from the court's ruling is pending. The director shall promptly notify the osteopathic physician and surgeon, in writing, of the suspension.
- (3) (a) If the division and a majority of the board find reasonable cause to believe an osteopathic physician and surgeon, who is not determined judicially to be an incapacitated person or to have a mental illness, is incapable of practicing osteopathic medicine with reasonable skill regarding the safety of patients, because of illness, excessive use of drugs or alcohol, or as a result of any mental or physical condition, the board shall recommend that the director file a petition with the division, and cause the petition to be served upon the osteopathic physician and surgeon with a notice of hearing on the sole issue of the capacity of the osteopathic physician and surgeon to competently and safely engage in the practice of medicine.
 - (b) The hearing shall be conducted under Section 58-1-109, and Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, except as provided in Subsection (4).
- (4) (a) Every osteopathic physician and surgeon who accepts the privilege of being licensed under this chapter gives consent to:
 - (i) submitting at the physician's or surgeon's own expense to an immediate mental or physical examination when directed in writing by the division and a majority of the board to do so; and
 - (ii) the admissibility of the reports of the examining physician's testimony or examination, and waives all objections on the ground the reports constitute a privileged communication.
- (b) The examination may be ordered by the division, with the consent of a majority of the board, only upon a finding of reasonable cause to believe:
 - (i) the osteopathic physician and surgeon has a mental illness, is incapacitated or otherwise unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety; and
 - (ii) immediate action by the division and the board is necessary to prevent harm to the osteopathic physician and surgeon's patients or the general public.

- (c) (i) Failure of an osteopathic physician and surgeon to submit to the examination ordered under this section is a ground for the division's immediate suspension of the osteopathic physician and surgeon's license by written order of the director.
- (ii) The division may enter the order of suspension without further compliance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, unless the division finds the failure to submit to the examination ordered under this section was due to circumstances beyond the control of the osteopathic physician and surgeon and was not related directly to the illness or incapacity of the osteopathic physician and surgeon.
- (5) (a) An osteopathic physician and surgeon whose license is suspended under Subsection (2) or (3) has the right to a hearing to appeal the suspension within ten days after the license is suspended.
- (b) The hearing held under this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 58-1-108 and 58-1-109 for the sole purpose of determining if sufficient basis exists for the continuance of the order of suspension in order to prevent harm to the osteopathic physician and surgeon's patients or the general public.
- (6) An osteopathic physician and surgeon whose license is revoked, suspended, or in any way restricted under this section may request the division and the board to consider, at reasonable intervals, evidence presented by the osteopathic physician and surgeon, under procedures established by division rule, regarding any change in the osteopathic physician and surgeon's condition, to determine whether:
 - (a) the physician or surgeon is or is not able to safely and competently engage in the practice of medicine; and
 - (b) the physician or surgeon is qualified to have the physician's or surgeon's license to practice under this chapter restored completely or in part.

Part 7 - Immunity Provisions

58-68-701. Immunity provisions apply.

Title 58, Chapter 13, Health Care Providers Immunity from Liability Act, applies to licensees under this chapter.

Part 8 - Practice Standards

58-68-801. Disclosure of financial interest by licensee.

- (1) Licensees under this chapter may not refer patients, clients, or customers to any clinical laboratory, ambulatory or surgical care facilities, or other treatment or rehabilitation services such as physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, radiology services, dispensing optical lens facility, or lithotripsy, in which the licensee or a member of the licensee's immediate family has any financial relationship as that term is described in 42 U.S.C. 1395nn, unless the licensee at the time of making the referral discloses that relationship, in writing, to the patient, client, or customer.
- (2) The written disclosure under Subsection (1) shall also state the patient may choose any facility or service center for purpose of having the laboratory work or treatment service performed.

58-68-802. Form of practice.

- (1) An osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under this chapter may engage in practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon or in the practice of

osteopathic medicine only as an individual licensee, but as an individual licensee, he may be:

- (a) an individual operating as a business proprietor;
 - (b) an employee of another person;
 - (c) a partner in a lawfully organized partnership;
 - (d) a lawfully formed professional corporation;
 - (e) a lawfully organized limited liability company;
 - (f) a lawfully organized business corporation; or
 - (g) any other form of organization recognized by the state and not prohibited by division rule made in collaboration with the board.
- (2) Regardless of the form in which a licensee engages in the practice of osteopathic medicine, the licensee may only permit the practice of medicine in that form of business practice to be conducted by an individual:
- (a) licensed in Utah as an osteopathic physician and surgeon under Section 58-68-301 or as a physician and surgeon under Section 58-67-301; and
 - (b) who is able to lawfully and competently engage in the practice of medicine to direct or interfere in the licensee's practice of medicine.

58-68-803. Medical records - Electronic records.

- (1) Medical records maintained by a licensee shall:
- (a) meet the standards and ethics of the profession; and
 - (b) be maintained in accordance with division rules made in collaboration with the board.
- (2) Medical records under this section may be maintained by an electronic means if the records comply with Subsection (1).

58-68-804. Consumer access to provider charges.

Beginning January 1, 2011, an osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter shall, when requested by a consumer:

- (1) make a list of prices charged by the osteopathic physician available for the consumer which includes the osteopathic physician's 25 most frequently performed:
- (a) clinic procedures or clinic services;
 - (b) out-patient procedures; and
 - (c) in-patient procedures; and
- (2) provide the consumer with information regarding any discount available for:
- (a) services not covered by insurance; or
 - (b) prompt payment of billed charges.

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