

Chiropractic Assistant Regulations/Statutes/Policies

This chart serves to provide results from a 50 state survey of existing regulations, statutes, and Chiropractic Board policies regarding chiropractic assistants (CAs). If no information was found regarding CAs from the sources listed above, “no language identified” is listed in column C.

Issues:

1. How many chiropractors with active licenses are in the state? (Column A)

2. How many chiropractic assistants are in the state? (Column B)

**Note:* The data listed in columns A and B was taken from the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards’ Official Directory page (found at: <http://directory.fclb.org/LicensingBoards/US.aspx>).

**Note:* If no data was available, the space was left blank.

3. Is the supervising chiropractor required to be physically present when the CA performs his or her CA duties? (Column C)

a. **Note:* If available, the definition of “direct supervision” is also provided.

4. What is a CA’s scope of practice? (Column D)

5. Are CAs required to be licensed, certified, or registered to practice as a CA? (Column E)

**Note:* If the state does require CAs to be licensed, certified, or registered, the requirements to attain these are listed. If the language was silent on any of these requirements, the existing CA policy from the respective state’s Board of Chiropractic page is included if available.

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	A	B	C	D	E
State	# Active licenses	# CAs	Requires DC physically present?	Scope of CA Practice	Requires CA licensure/registration/certification?
Alabama	799 (2018)		No language identified		
Alaska	343 (2018)		No language identified		
Arizona	2492 (2018)		Yes. "Supervision" means a licensed chiropractor is present in the office, sees a patient, assigns the work to be done regarding the patient, and is available to check the work of the supervised individual as it progresses and the completed work." R4-7-101. Definitions	May include: a) Performing delegated duties commensurate with the chiropractic assistant's education and training Does not include: a) evaluating, interpreting, designing or modifying established treatment programs of chiropractic care or violate any statute." B. Clinical duties that a chiropractic assistant may perform as directed by the supervising chiropractor under subsection (A) include, but are not limited to: 1. Asepsis and infection control, 2. Taking patient histories and vital signs, 3. Performing first aid and CPR, 4. Preparing patients for procedures, 5. Assisting the supervising chiropractor with examinations and treatments, and 6. Collecting and processing specimens. C. A chiropractic assistant who meets the education requirements for physiotherapy under R4-7-1102(A) may administer, under the direct supervision of a chiropractor	Yes. "Chiropractic assistant" means an unlicensed person who has completed an educational training program approved by the board, who assists in basic health care duties in the practice of chiropractic under the supervision of a doctor of chiropractic and who performs delegated duties commensurate with the chiropractic assistant's education and training but who does not evaluate, interpret, design or modify established treatment programs of chiropractic care or violate any statute." A.R.S. § 32-900. Requirements: 24 hours of coursework, with a minimum of four hours in each of the following: a) chiropractic principles, b) management of common diseases, c) history taking, d) recordkeeping, e) professional standards of conduct, and f) CPR. If a chiropractor supervising a C.A. is certified in physiotherapy under A.R.S. § 32-922.02, the C.A. shall complete 12 hours of training in physiotherapy in addition to the 24 hours of coursework. If a chiropractor supervising a C.A. is certified in acupuncture under A.R.S. § 32-922.02, the C.A. shall

				<p>certified in physiotherapy, but is not limited to administering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whirlpool treatments, 2. Diathermy treatments, 3. Electronic galvanization stimulation treatments, 4. Ultrasound therapy, 5. Massage therapy, 6. Traction treatments, 7. Transcutaneous nerve stimulation unit treatments, and 8. Hot and cold pack treatments. <p>D. A chiropractic assistant that meets the education requirements for acupuncture under R4-7-1102(A) may prepare and sterilize instruments and may remove acupuncture needles under the direct supervision of a chiropractor certified in acupuncture.</p> <p>A C.A. shall not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take an x-ray, 2. Perform an independent examination, 3. Diagnose a patient, 4. Determine a regimen of patient care, 5. Change the regimen of patient care set by the supervising chiropractor, 6. Perform an adjustment, or 7. Perform acupuncture by needle insertion. <p>R4-7-1103. Scope of Practice.</p>	<p>complete two hours of training in acupuncture in addition to the 24 hours of coursework.</p> <p>R4-7-1102. Chiropractic Assistant Training</p>
Arkansas	563 (2018)		Unclear “under the order, direction and responsibility of the supervising doctor”	<p>May include: Performing specific testing procedures and/or adjunctive therapeutics under the order, direction and responsibility of the supervising doctor</p> <p>Does not include:</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>(4) 'Chiropractic aide' means an unlicensed member of the chiropractic team who may assist a chiropractic physician in the performance of those procedures and techniques constituting the practice of chiropractic as defined in this chapter with the exception of spinal manipulation and adjustment, provided that such</p>

				<p>a. rendering any diagnosis, submitting treatment plans to patients, or in any other way assuming responsibility for the management of patient care</p> <p>b. rendering any manipulative adjustment treatment or spinal mobilization</p> <p>AR ADC 029.00.2-E. Professional Practices.</p>	<p>assistance shall be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractic physician.</p> <p><i>Unless:</i> must obtain Radiologic Technology License through the Arkansas DOH to perform x-rays. Also, those who use radioactive materials or medical equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, be licensed to do so.</p> <p>17-81-102. Definitions.</p>
California	12957 (2019)	<p>Yes.</p> <p>“Immediate and direct supervision” means the licensed Doctor of Chiropractic shall be at all times on the premises where the examinations are being conducted.</p> <p>16 CA ADC § 312. Illegal Practice.</p>	<p>May include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Taking the history of a patient. However, this activity is separate from the consultation which at all times must be conducted by the licensed doctor b) Conducting standard neurological, orthopedic, physical and chiropractic examinations, c) Administering physical therapy treatments as an adjunct to chiropractic adjustment, provided the physical therapy treatment is conducted under the adequate supervision of a licensed doctor of chiropractic. <p>Does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Performing such examinations which require diagnostic or analytic interpretations nor b) Rendering a conclusion either verbally or in writing regarding a patient’s physical condition <p>16 CA ADC § 312. Illegal Practice.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>“An unlicensed individual is defined as any person, including a student or graduate of chiropractic institution, who does not hold a valid California chiropractic license. An exemption is hereby created for student doctors participating in board approved preceptorship programs” §312 Illegal Practice.”</p>	
Colorado	2565 (2017)	<p>Yes.</p> <p>“direct supervision”</p>	<p>A chiropractic assistant may perform his or her duties under the direct supervision of a chiropractor and only in those areas in which the chiropractic assistant has the requisite skill and training.</p> <p>Does not include:</p> <p>a diagnosis, an adjustment, or acupuncture, or any duties outside the CA’s requisite skill and training.</p> <p>CO ST 12-33-128.</p>		

Connecticut	995 (2018)		No language identified		
Delaware	352 (2013)		No language identified		
DC	160 (2017)			<p>4810 Practice of Chiropractic Assistants.</p> <p>A chiropractic assistant may not perform the following:</p> <p>4810.1 A chiropractic assistant may perform the following under the supervision of a licensed doctor of chiropractic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Case histories, if properly trained by the supervising chiropractor; (b) Diagnostic testing, but must have specialized training by a program or institution listed in Subsection 4807.1; (c) Therapeutic ancillary procedures, but must have specialized training by a program or institution listed in Subsection 4807.1, and in addition, have specific written instructions from the supervising licensed chiropractor with ancillary privileges; and (d) The taking of x-rays, but must have specialized training by a program or institution listed in Subsection 4807.1, and in addition, have specific written instructions from the supervising licensed chiropractor. <p>4810.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Any tasks requiring manipulative or adjustment techniques; (b) The rendering of diagnostic results or interpretations; or (c) Giving treatment advice without direct written orders from the Doctor of Chiropractic. 	

<p>Florida</p>	<p>6, 069 (2017)</p>	<p>3,361</p>	<p>Yes Direct Supervision defined: requires the physical presence of the licensed chiropractic physician for consultation and direction of the actions of the registered chiropractic assistant or a chiropractic student enrolled in a community-based intern program”</p>	<p>Includes: Assist[ing] with patient care management, executes administrative and clinical procedures, and often performs managerial and supervisory functions.</p> <p>Registered chiropractic assistant duties: (a) Perform clinical procedures, which include: 1. Preparing patients for the chiropractic physician's care. 2. Taking vital signs. 3. Observing and reporting patients' signs or symptoms.</p> <p>(b) Administer basic first aid. (c) Assist with patient examinations or treatments other than manipulations or adjustments. (d) Operate office equipment. (e) Collect routine laboratory specimens as directed by the chiropractic physician or certified chiropractic physician's assistant. (f) Administer nutritional supplements as directed by the chiropractic physician or certified chiropractic physician's assistant. (g) Perform office procedures required by the chiropractic physician or certified chiropractic physician's assistant under direct supervision of the chiropractic physician or certified chiropractic physician's assistant.</p> <p>FL ST § 460.4166</p>	<p>Registration.</p> <p>A “registered chiropractic assistant.” (3) Registration. Registered chiropractic assistants may be registered by the board for a biennial fee not to exceed \$25.</p>
<p>Georgia</p>	<p>3563 (2018)</p>		<p>Yes. “direct supervision” defined: shall mean that a licensed doctor of chiropractic is</p>	<p>Does not include: Performing adjustments of the articulations of the human body</p> <p>May include: (c) A chiropractic assistant may administer modalities, in accordance with <u>O.C.G.A §43-9-16</u>, to patients only in those</p>	

		physically present in the facility or office and is responsible for all practices and procedures performed under his or her direct order.	instances in which the assistant is acting under the direct order and direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor certified by the Board to utilize these modalities. GA ADC 100-15-.01.	
Hawaii	479 (2018)	No language identified		
Idaho	659 (2018)	Unclear. “The chiropractic physician shall be responsible and liable for: a) direct supervision; b) any acts of the assistant in performance of chiropractic practice; c) proper training and capabilities of the CA before authorization is given to perform any chiropractic practice.” IDAPA 24.03.01. Direct <i>personal</i> supervision defined as: the licensed chiropractic physician is physically present in the clinic, is monitoring the	A chiropractic assistant is defined as any individual functioning in a dependent relationship with a supervising chiropractic physician in the performance of any chiropractic practice. Chiropractic Physician Responsible and Liable. The chiropractic physician shall be responsible and liable for: a. Direct supervision; b. Any acts of the assistant in the performance of chiropractic practice; c. Proper training and capabilities of the chiropractic assistant before authorization is given to perform any chiropractic practice. Does not include: a) Manipulate articulations; b) provide diagnostic results or interpretations to the patient; c) provide treatment advice to any patient without instructions from the supervising Chiropractic Physician IDAPA 24.03.01. Rules of State Board Chiropractic Physicians. § 550. Chiropractic Assistants.	None identified.

			activities of the supervisee, and is available to intervene, if necessary.		
Illinois	4,077 (2018)		No language identified		
Indiana	1262 (2016)		No language identified		
Iowa				<p>C. A chiropractic physician shall not delegate to the chiropractic assistant the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Services outside the chiropractic physician's scope of practice; (2) Initiation, alteration, or termination of chiropractic treatment programs; (3) Chiropractic manipulation and adjustments; (4) Diagnosis of a condition. <p>IA ADC 645-43.12 (151) Chiropractic Assistants.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Requirements: complete a CA training program that includes training and instruction on the use of chiropractic physiotherapy procedures related to services to be provided by the CA.</p> <p>Any chiropractic assistant training program shall be provided by an approved CCE-accredited chiropractic college or a chiropractic state association.</p> <p>CAs performing active chiropractic physiotherapy procedures: required to complete 12 hours of instruction, of which 6 hours shall be clinical experience under the supervision of the chiropractic physician.</p> <p>CAs performing passive chiropractic physiotherapy: required to complete 12 hours of instruction, of which 6 hours shall be clinical experience under the supervision of the chiropractic physician.</p> <p>IA ADC 645-43.12(2)(151) Education requirements for chiropractic assistants.</p>
Kansas	1,118 (2016)		No language identified		
Kentucky	898 (2017)		No language identified		

<p>Louisiana</p>	<p>737 (2017)</p>	<p>425</p>			<p>Only certification for X-ray Chiropractic Assistants identified</p> <p>“B. The Board shall certify and issue an appropriate certificate of proficiency to any chiropractic assistant who files with it a certified application therefore, accompanied by the payment of the fee fixed by law, together with evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the board that he: (1) Is eighteen years of age. (2) Is a high school graduate or equivalent. (3) Has completed a course in x-ray function and safety approved by the board, including passage of a proficiency examination given in conjunction with the course.”</p> <p>§ 2828. Chiropractic assistants performing chiropractic x-ray functions; certification; requirements; penalties.</p>
<p>Maine</p>	<p>645 (2018) DCs- 406</p>	<p>134</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Under the supervision and control of a licensed chiropractor as long as that individual has successfully completed a training program recognized by the board.</p> <p>"Supervision and control" may not be construed as requiring the personal presence of the supervising and controlling chiropractor at the place where those services are rendered, unless physical</p>	<p>May include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) history taking, b) limited physical examinations, therapeutic modalities, c) similar therapies, and d) rehabilitation, <p>provided that such training is included within Board approved programs of chiropractic colleges accredited by the USOE.</p> <p>Does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any tasks requiring the implementation of manipulative or adjustive techniques, b) the rendering of diagnostic results or interpretations, or the rendering of treatment advice. <p>ME ADC 02-297 Ch. 1, § 3</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; B. Must be a high school graduate or have successfully completed an equivalent educational Program; C. Must have successfully completed a course of study approved by the Board after January 1, 1990, or completed a course of study provided by a chiropractic college accredited by the CCE, or by any other USOE approved national chiropractic accrediting agency; and D. Must have successfully passed an examination with a minimum score of 75%, which has been offered pursuant to a course of study approved by the Board or by a chiropractic college accredited by the CCE, or by any other USOE approved National Chiropractic Accrediting Agencies; or E. Must have been employed as an assistant for a minimum of three (3) years immediately prior to the

			<p>presence is necessary to provide patient care of the same quality as provided by the chiropractor.</p> <p><i>Note: Maine has a Chiropractic Assistants Association</i></p>		<p>enactment of this statute, submit valid proof of such employment, and met the requirements of A and B.</p> <p>ME ADC 02-297 Ch. 5, § 1. Qualifications for certification.</p> <p>Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -License fee: \$15.00 -Criminal background check fee: \$21.00 <p>Term: annual, December 31</p> <p>(Found at https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/chiropractors/certified_assistant.html)</p>
Maryland	893 (2018)	772	<p>No. “Direct supervision” defined:</p> <p>supervision provided by a supervising chiropractor who is personally present and immediately available in the area where the procedures are performed to give aid, direction, and instruction when certain procedures or activities are performed.</p>	<p>MD ADC 10.43.07.08. Activities that may be performed by Chiropractic Applicants and Assistants without Direct Supervision</p> <p>Only a chiropractic applicant or assistant may perform the following activities without the direct supervision of a supervising chiropractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Taking the height, the weight, and vital signs of a patient and recording them in the patient record; B. Assisting in the dressing, undressing, and draping of a patient; C. Removing and applying assistive and supportive devices; D. Observing treatments and modalities as authorized by the supervising chiropractor; E. Providing preprinted non-patient specific health and chiropractic concepts and information that has been approved and reviewed by the supervising chiropractor; and F. Taking patient histories. <p>MD ADC 10.43.07.09. Activities that may be performed by Chiropractic Applicants and Assistants Under Direct Supervision of a supervising chiropractor.</p>	<p>Licensure.</p> <p>Licensure requirements: CAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be a high school graduate and must receive Board approved classroom training consisting of 103 hours (24 hours of anatomy, 76 hours of physical therapy, 3 hours of jurisprudence) b) Successfully complete 480 hours of in-service clinical training by a certified Supervising Chiropractor, reported by the Supervising Chiropractor. The report log must be submitted at the time of the application for the examination. c) Must have a clean record with no serious history of arrests, convictions or addictions to drugs, alcohol or prescription medication and no disabilities that would endanger health or safety of a patient. d) Successfully complete a multiple choice subject matter exam consisting of 100 professional questions and 20-30 risk management/jurisprudence questions. e) Obtain an employment commitment with a Board Certified Supervising Chiropractor who will submit a CA Notification of Employment Form to the Board

				<p>a) A chiropractic applicant or assistant may perform the following activities only under the direct supervision of a supervising chiropractor who is in the treatment area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Functional activities of daily living and hygiene; B. Gait practice and ambulation; C. Demonstration, administration, and observation of therapeutic exercises as prescribed by a supervising chiropractor; D. Assist in moving a patient within the treatment area; E. Contrast baths; F. Hot and cold packs; G. Hubbard tank; H. Infrared, ultraviolet irradiation, non-laser light therapy, and non-ablative therapeutic laser; I. Muscle stimulation; J. Electrotherapy; K. Paraffin baths; L. Traction therapy; M. Ultrasound; N. Whirlpool; O. Diathermy; P. Therapeutic massage, if licensed under Health Occupations Article, Title 6, Annotated Code of Maryland; and Q. Mechanical or computerized examination procedures for the sole purpose of collecting data subject to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) All data will later be used and interpreted by the chiropractor to form a diagnosis and treatment plan; and (2) No test may be performed that requires diagnosis or interpretation as part of the data collecting or testing procedure. <p>MD ADC 10.43.07.10. Chiropractic Applicant or Assistant Prohibited Acts.</p> <p>b) A chiropractic applicant or assistant may not engage in any of the following activities:</p>	<p>f) Obtain a current CPR certification (provider level) by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross or bona fide affiliate</p> <p>g) Upon completion of the foregoing, satisfactorily take/pass the Board CA proficiency exam and jurisprudence exam</p> <p>(Found at: https://health.maryland.gov/chiropractic/Pages/licensureca.aspx)</p>
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				<p>A. Communicate an evaluation or diagnosis to a patient;</p> <p>B. Perform an act requiring the professional skill or judgment of a licensed chiropractor;</p> <p>C. Take x-rays or position patients for x-rays;</p> <p>D. Perform orthopedic or neurological tests;</p> <p>E. Engage in dietary or nutritional advice or counseling; or</p> <p>F. Other acts not within the chiropractic applicant or assistant's specified scope.</p>	
<p>Massachusetts</p>					<p>None.</p> <p><u>Policy:</u> “. . . When delegating permissible procedures, the Board recommends that chiropractors adhere to the following guidelines.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The patient must be properly evaluated by the licensed chiropractor and a determination made that a supportive procedure or therapy is clinically indicated before any supportive procedure or therapy may be applied to the patient by an unlicensed assistant during the same patient visit. 2. The licensed chiropractor must make all clinical decisions regarding the type of supportive procedure or therapy to be applied, the location to which such supportive procedure or therapy will be applied, and the duration and intensity of the supportive procedure or therapy where applicable. 3. The licensed chiropractor must generally supervise the unlicensed assistant in the application of any supportive procedure or therapy by being present on the premises and readily available to provide direction and guidance to the unlicensed assistant throughout the performance of the supportive procedure or therapy.

					<p>4. The licensed chiropractor must ensure that the assistant possesses a sufficient level of education and training in the application and use of the supportive procedure or therapy. The licensed chiropractor must maintain written documentation of the education and training possessed by each office assistant regarding the proper application and use of supportive procedures and therapies.</p> <p>5. The licensed chiropractor must properly report and code any supportive procedure or therapy in a manner consistent with appropriate reporting and coding requirements.”</p> <p>Massachusetts State Government, <i>Board Policy Guidelines on Informed Consent</i> (found at: https://www.mass.gov/policy-statement/board-policies-and-guidelines-chiropractor#policy-guideline-on-the-performance-of-chiropractic-supportive-procedures-and-therapies-by-unlicensed-assistants)</p>
Michigan			No language identified		
Minnesota	3,145 (2018)		No language identified		
Mississippi	348 (2019)	327	No “supervision and control” may not be construed as requiring the personal presence of the supervising and controlling chiropractor at the place where those services are rendered, unless physical presence is necessary to provide patient care of the same quality	<p>Does not prohibit a chiropractic assistant from rendering ancillary services or procedures used in chiropractic practice, other than the adjustments or manipulative techniques, if those services are rendered under the supervision and control of a licensed chiropractor as long as the chiropractic assistant has successfully completed a training program recognized by the board. Miss. Code Ann. § 73-6-5.</p> <p>May include: Access to patient records and participating in direct patient care under direct supervision of the chiropractor.</p>	<p>Certification.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>1. Educational qualification. High school diploma or GED certificate. (Exceptions to this requirement will be at the discretion of the Board.)</p> <p>2. Continuing education. Six (6) classroom hours annually at a course of study approved by the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. These hours must be received within six (6) months of employment.</p> <p>...</p>

			provided by the chiropractor.		30 MS ADC Pt. 2001, R. 10
Missouri	2,428 (2017)		No language identified		
Montana	407 (2016)		No language identified		
Nebraska	737 (2017)		No language identified		No.
Nevada	614 (2019)	292	Yes. “Direct supervision” means that the supervising licensee or licensed provider of health care, as appropriate, is actually present in the chiropractic facility during the period of supervision.	May include: a) Ancillary services relating to chiropractic, other than chiropractic adjustment, under the supervision and control of the chiropractor a. The services must be ones the board authorizes the CA to perform NRS 634.125	Yes. The Board shall specify the formal training, including at least 12 months of study or the equivalent, which such an applicant must have completed before the Board awards the applicant a certificate as a chiropractor’s assistant. NRS 634.123. CAs must: b) pass the Board’s jurisprudence and chiropractor’s assistant examination, which are currently administered by the Board twice per year. c) fulfill 6-months of full time, on-the-job training (21 hours/week or more) or 12-months of part-time on-the-job training. d) Pursuant to NAC 634.130, chiropractor’s assistants must renew their certificates biennially and 12 hours of continuing education must accompany their renewal. Requirements from the Chiropractic Physicians’ Board of Nevada: (found at: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Document/11620).

New Hampshire	433 (2016)		No language identified		
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<p>New Jersey</p>	<p>3262 (2015)</p>	<p>Yes. “Supervision” means the oversight provided by a licensed chiropractor of the clinical services performed by a licensed chiropractic assistant, and for which the chiropractor shall be on the premises at all times and readily available to instruct the licensed chiropractic assistant throughout the performance of the clinical services.” NJ ADC 13:44E-2.7</p>	<p>May include: “1. Completing a medical history of a patient; 2. Preparing the patient for chiropractic care; 3. Writing into the patient record subjective complaints from the patient and objective findings provided by the licensee; 4. Performing a urinary dipstick analysis; 5. Taking and recording vital signs; 6. Preparing and developing X-ray films; 7. Providing patient education activities; 8. Providing instruction in activities of daily living; 9. Administering cryotherapy, hot packs, non-fulcrum mechanical traction without restraints (such as roller tables and roller chairs) and non-invasive surface screening; 10. Setup and preparation of the patient for the administration of physical modalities; 11. Administering thermal, sound, light, mechanical, and electrical modalities and hydrotherapy, including, but not limited to, the following: i. Ultraviolet (B and C bands) or electromagnetic rays including, but not limited to, deep heating agents, microwave diathermy, short-wave diathermy, and ultrasound; ii. Electro-therapy devices powered by an alternating current or any interferential devices, as set forth in (a) above; or iii. Decompression therapy devices or mechanical traction; and 12. Instructing and monitoring prescribed rehabilitative exercises.” NJ ADC 13:44E-2.7. Delegable tasks or functions of chiropractic aides and licensed chiropractic assistants.</p>	<p>2. “Licensed chiropractic assistant” means a person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of sections 5 through 8 of <u>P.L. 2015, c. 283</u> and the rules set forth in this subchapter and in N.J.A.C. 13:44E-4 to practice chiropractic assistance under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor. NJ ADC 13:44E-2.7.</p>
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New Mexico	668 (2018)		Yes “under the supervision of the chiropractic physician” defined: “(3) the chiropractic physician must be physically present in the same building and immediately available in order for the chiropractic assistant to treat the patient.”	May include: Under the direct supervision of the chiropractic physician: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) perform diagnostic tests and b) administer the use of any or all natural agencies imbued with the healing act such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. food, water, heat, cold, electrical mechanical appliances, herbs, nutritional supplements and homeopathic remedies NM ADC 16.4.19.8 Chiropractic Assistant	Not specified which. Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) high school graduation or equivalent with a minimum of three months of supervised training in the specific duties and procedures the chiropractic assistant will perform. NM ADC 16.4.19.8 Chiropractic Assistant
New York	5248 (2018)		No language identified		
NC	2049 (2019)			"Chiropractic clinical assistant" means a nonlicensed employee of a chiropractic physician whose duties include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) collecting general health data, such as the taking of an oral history or vital sign measurements, (ii) applying therapeutic procedures, such as thermal, sound, light and electrical modalities, and hydrotherapy, and (iii) monitoring prescribed rehabilitative activities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a chiropractic clinical assistant to provide a chiropractic adjustment, manual therapy, nutritional instruction, counseling, or any other therapeutic service that requires individual licensure." § 90-143.4. Chiropractic clinical assistants; certification of competency.	Certification. An applicant for certification under this section shall be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) at least 18 years of age, (ii) a high school graduate or the equivalent, (iii) of good moral character, and (iv) able to demonstrate proficiency in the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic anatomy. 2. Chiropractic philosophy and terminology. 3. Utilization of standard therapeutic modalities. 4. Contraindications and response to emergencies. 5. Jurisprudence and patient privacy protection. § 90-143.4. Chiropractic clinical assistants; certification of competency. To apply for the Certified Chiropractic Assistant certification examination, you must complete #1 and send items 2-5 listed below to the Board office no later than 15 days prior to the exam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed Education Hours. 18 online and six (6) classroom.

					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Completed CA Application. 3. Copy of your diploma or obtain transcripts for the following: High School, GED, or equivalency. 4. Copy of Driver's License or Birth Certificate. 5. An application fee of \$20. <p>(found at: https://ncchiroboard.com/certified-chiropractic-assistant/)</p>
ND	438 (2018)	129	<p>Yes</p> <p>“Direct Supervision” defined: requires the chiropractor to be on the premises at all times and readily available to instruct the certified chiropractic clinical assistant throughout the performance of the clinical services.</p> <p>N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-06-16.1</p>	<p>“The certified chiropractic clinical assistant may assist the chiropractor in patient care involving physiotherapy, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy, chiropractic rehabilitative therapy, administrative processes, and other activities as needed to assist in the practice of chiropractic. The certified chiropractic clinical assistant may perform delegated duties commensurate with the certified chiropractic clinical assistant's education and training,”</p> <p>A certified clinical assistant may not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) evaluate, interpret, design, or modify established treatment programs of chiropractic care or violate any statute. b) participate in clinical decisionmaking, c) render manipulative chiropractic care, d) create or change the course of a chiropractic treatment plan, or e) represent themselves as independent health care providers. f) perform medical imaging unless also licensed under chapter 43-62 or upon meeting an exception from that chapter. <p>N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-06-16.1. Certified chiropractic clinical assistant.</p>	<p>Certification.</p> <p>To be certified as a chiropractic clinical assistant, an applicant must provide evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Graduated from high school, or holds a graduate equivalency degree. b. Is at least eighteen years of age. c. Successfully completed the certified chiropractic clinical assistant program and examination by the federation of chiropractic licensing boards. (<i>Some exceptions apply</i>) d. Is of good moral character and submits documentation of good moral character as prescribed by the board, including criminal records review. e. Completed an application in a manner and form provided by the board. f. Paid all applicable fees relative to the application process as determined by the board. g. Received practical experience to the extent required to demonstrate competency to safely provide patient care pertinent to the

					<p>chiropractic office at which the certified chiropractic clinical assistant is employed.</p> <p>...</p> <p>“4. A minimum examination score of seventy-five percent is required to obtain certification. . . .”</p> <p>“5. The fee for renewal of the certification is fifty dollars per year. Certificate renewal is March first of every year.”</p> <p>Renewal: 6 hours of continuing education every 2 years. These hours must be a program approved by providers of approved continuing education, a seminar sponsored by the North Dakota chiropractic association and approved by the board, or a seminar approved for continuing education by another state's board of chiropractic examiners or equivalent. . . .</p> <p>N.D. Cent. Code, § 43-06-16.1.</p>
Ohio	2,532 (2017)	Yes	<p>“(D) A licensed chiropractic physician must properly supervise all unlicensed supportive personnel to whom responsibilities are delegated. Properly supervise within the meaning of this rule is defined as on-site initial and ongoing direction, procedural guidance, observation, and evaluation by a licensed chiropractic physician.”</p>	<p>May include:</p> <p>“(1) Taking measurements for height, weight, blood pressure, respiration, pulse, and temperature; (2) Recording observable signs and symptoms; (3) Collecting bodily fluids for diagnostic purposes; (4) Applying hot and/or cold packs; (5) Applying mechanical traction; (6) Applying electrical stimulation; (7) Applying vasopneumatic devices; (8) Applying diathermy; (9) Applying therapeutic ultrasound; (10) Instruction and supervision of therapeutic exercises; (11) Instruction and supervision of therapeutic procedures and activities; (12) Instruction and supervision of neuromuscular reeducation; (13) Low level laser therapy up to and including class IV lasers; (14) Assist patients to safely perform activities related to the development of strength and endurance; (15) Other services or procedures as deemed appropriate by the board.”</p> <p>Rule 4734-8-02. Unlicensed Supportive Personnel.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>(C) . . . Unlicensed supportive personnel do not hold professional licensure and work under the direction of a chiropractic physician utilizing their education, training, and/or experience to perform designated tasks and duties related to the practice of chiropractic. This does not include any activity that would require performance, clinical interpretation and/or treatment by a licensed professional.</p> <p>Rule 4734-8-02. Unlicensed Supportive Personnel.</p>

<p>Oklahoma</p>	<p>838 (2017)</p>			<p>The supervisory chiropractic physician shall only delegate services to a certified chiropractic assistant, and other employees which services are within the scope of practice of the chiropractic physician. Such delegation may only be made in a manner consistent with the Chiropractic Practice Act or Rules.</p> <p>Does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Performing independent patient examinations b) Diagnosing conditions c) Determining or changing a regimen of patient care/case management d) Performing chiropractic manipulation or adjustments e) Performing acupuncture f) Unlawfully disclosing patient information g) Violating any portion of the Chiropractic Act or Rules <p>140:30-3-7. Prohibited acts</p>	<p>Certification.</p> <p>Requirements: Must have taken a 12 hour training course approved by the Board before taking the certified chiropractic assistant exam offered by the OK Board of Chiropractic. The applicant must receive a seventy (70%) or higher to pass.</p> <p>Six (6) hours of continuing education every two (2) years beginning the year following certification by the Board.</p> <p>140:30-3-2. Application for Certification; 140:30-3-3. Certified chiropractic assistant examination</p> <p><i>Exemptions apply to applicants with certain amounts of hours employed by a licensed Oklahoma chiropractic physician.</i></p>
<p>Oregon</p>	<p>1,195 (2017)</p>		<p>Yes “Direct supervision” the supervising chiropractor must be on the premises</p>	<p>May include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) physiotherapy, b) electrotherapy and c) hydrotherapy, d) taking vitals such as height, weight, blood pressure, temperature, pulse, respiration and/or body fat percentages, e) and other duties as described by the Board <p>Does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) performing physical examinations, b) taking initial histories, c) taking X-rays (unless properly licensed), d) interpretation of postural screening, 	<p>Certification.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>(2) Chiropractic assistants may be certified upon compliance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The chiropractic assistant applicant shall successfully complete a Board approved training course. The initial training course shall be at least twelve hours in length, of which eight hours shall be didactic training and four hours shall be practical training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) The practical training must be in physiotherapy, electrotherapy and hydrotherapy administered by a health care provider licensed to

				<p>e) performing manual muscle testing, or osseous adjustments or manipulations, or f) other tasks prohibited by the Board</p> <p>OR ADC 811-010-0110 Chiropractic Assistants.</p>	<p>independently provide those therapies.</p> <p>...</p> <p>(C) The initial training must have been completed within 60 days preceding the application submission date.</p> <p>(b) The applicant shall complete an application packet, and an open book examination administered by a national testing agency.</p> <p>(c) If an applicant has a certificate or license from another state and adequate documentation of training, the Board may waive the requirement for the initial training course.</p> <p>(3) Prior to initial certification, the training course verification form, completed application packet, passing examination results, and fees in the following amounts shall be submitted to the Board:</p> <p>(a) A non-refundable application fee - \$50; (b) A non-refundable examination fee \$35; and (c) An initial certification fee - \$50. . . .</p> <p>...</p> <p>(e) In the event the Board requires the NBCE chiropractic assistant examination in lieu of the Board's examination, the fee in subsection (b) will be waived.</p> <p>...</p> <p>(5) The applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.</p> <p>OR ADC 811-010-0110</p>
Pennsylvania	4,173 (2019)		No language identified		
Rhode Island	248 (2019)		No language identified		

South Carolina	1,571 (2016)		No language identified		
South Dakota	439 (2018)	231	Yes. Direct Supervision defined: “personal presence and availability of the supervising chiropractor where the chiropractic healthcare services are rendered.”		<p>Certificate of Registration</p> <p>Any person who practices or attempts to practice as a chiropractic assistant without first having secured a certificate of registration from the Board of Chiropractic Examiners and an annual renewal is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. S.D. Codified Laws § 36-5-29.</p> <p>Minimum training requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Graduation from high school or graduate equivalency degree (GED) b) Attainment of 18 years of age c) Successful completion of an approved program or course of study consisting of at least 20 hours in chiropractic assisting that includes coursework in basic chiropractic assistant duties, introduction to physiotherapy, use of modalities, rehabilitation and exercise programs as designed by the chiropractor, evaluations, and other programs as designated by the board; and d) Certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) <p>20:41:15:01. Minimum training requirements.</p>
Tennessee	1,195 (2018)	531	No. “does not require the physical presence of the chiropractic physician(s) at all times at the site where the services are being provided. However, it does require that the chiropractic physicians have his/her primary practice physically	Includes: a) offering physical agent modalities and rehabilitation advice and services to the public, specifically and only on orders from a duly licensed physician TN ADC 0260-05-.10; TN ADC 0260-05-.20.	<p>Certification.</p> <p>(1) To become certified as a chiropractic therapy assistant in Tennessee, a person must comply with the following procedures and requirements prior to submitting an application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age. (b) Be of good moral character. (c) Be a high school graduate or equivalent. (d) Complete prior to the date of examination a minimum combined total of fifty (50) hours of instruction approved by any board member or board designee, subject to full board approval.

			<p>present at the site where the services are being provided within a reasonable amount of time.”</p>		<p>and which shall include but not be limited to such subject material as anatomy, physiology, patient protection, safety, emergency procedures, professional boundaries training, chiropractic therapy, and rehabilitation techniques.</p> <p>(e) Provide proof of twelve hundred (1,200) hours of clinical internship under direct supervision. The supervisor is required to provide the Board of Chiropractic Examiners a report concerning the certificate holder’s performance in each area of internship on forms provided by the board to become certified as a chiropractic therapy assistant. Such hours shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of examination, unless an extension is requested and granted by the Board.</p> <p>(f) Pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination conducted to determine fitness for practice as a chiropractic therapy assistant pursuant to rule 0260-05-.08.</p> <p>TN ADC 0260-05-.04.</p>
<p>Texas</p>	<p>5,709 (2018)</p>		<p>Yes.</p> <p>“must be on-site at the time of the adjustment or manipulation.”</p> <p>A licensee (licensed chiropractor) must be on-call when any or all treatment is provided under the licensee's direction unless there is another licensee present on-site or designated as being on-call. On-call</p>	<p>May include:</p> <p>(f) . . . to perform a task or procedure that assists the doctor of chiropractic in making a diagnosis, prescribing a treatment plan or treating a patient if the performance of the task or procedure does not require the training of a doctor of chiropractic in order to protect the health or safety of a patient, such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) taking the patient's medical history; (2) taking or recording vital signs; (3) performing radiologic procedures; (4) taking or recording range of motion measurements; (5) performing other prescribed clinical tests and measurements; 	<p>(1) Requisite education may be determined by a license, degree, coursework, on-the-job training, or relevant general knowledge.</p> <p>(2) Requisite training may be determined by instruction in a specific task or procedure, relevant experience, or on-the-job training.</p> <p>(3) Requisite skill may be determined by a person's talent, ability, and fitness to perform a specific task or procedure.</p> <p>22 TX ADC § 78.3. Delegation of Authority.</p>

			<p>means that the licensee must be available for consultation within 15 minutes either in person or by other means of telecommunication.</p> <p>22 TX ADC § 78.3. Delegation of Authority.</p>	<p>(6) performing prescribed physical therapy modalities, therapeutic procedures, physical medicine and rehabilitation, or other treatments as described in the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology Codebook, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Health Care Common Procedure Coding System, or other national coding system;</p> <p>(7) demonstrating prescribed exercises or stretches for a patient; or</p> <p>(8) demonstrating proper uses of dispensed supports and devices.”</p> <p>(g) A licensed chiropractor may not allow or direct a person:</p> <p>“(1) to perform activities that are outside the licensee's scope of practice;</p> <p>(2) to perform activities that exceed the education, training, and skill of the person or for which a person is not otherwise qualified and properly trained; or</p> <p>(3) to exercise independent clinical judgment unless the person holds a valid Texas license or certification that would allow or authorize the person to exercise independent clinical judgment.”</p> <p>22 TX ADC § 78.3. Delegation of Authority.</p>	
Utah	949 (2016)		<p>Yes.</p> <p>“The supervising chiropractic physician . . . must always be available to provide advice, instruction and consultation”</p>	<p>(2) The Supervising chiropractic physician shall never delegate the following to a chiropractic assistant:</p> <p>(a) adjustment of the articulation of the spinal column;</p> <p>(b) diagnosis of the articulation of the spinal column;</p> <p>(c) manipulation of the articulation of the spinal column;</p> <p>(d) therapeutic positioning of the articulation of the spinal column; and</p> <p>(e) administration of injections per Subsection R156-73-501(14).</p> <p>UT ADC R156-73-502.</p>	

Vermont	238 (2019)		No language identified		
Virginia	1,779 (2018)		No language identified		
Washington	2545 (2017)		No language identified		
West Virginia	316 (2017)			<p>May include, but not limited to:</p> <p>a) set up and administration of electrical muscle stimulation, ultrasound, traction, massage, diathermy, hydrocollation, cryotherapy, blood pressure examination, range of motion examination and obtaining and recording patient histories.</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 4-1-14. Chiropractic Assistants.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>14.2. The licensed chiropractor shall ensure that a chiropractic assistant receives proper training before beginning his or her duties. The licensed chiropractor shall annually reevaluate each chiropractic assistant to ensure that the chiropractic assistant is competent and qualified to perform the assigned duties and is in compliance with subsection 14.3. The licensed chiropractor may provide the required training or may require that the chiropractic assistant acquire the required training from a program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or the West Virginia Board of Chiropractic. The licensed chiropractor shall document each annual review and all training received by each chiropractic assistant employed and keep the documentation in the chiropractic assistant's employee file.</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 4-1-14. Chiropractic Assistants.</p>
Wisconsin	2,489 (2017)		No language identified		
Wyoming	192 (2018)				<p>“CAs are not regulated by the Board. The Board does highly recommend that CAs in Wyoming obtain the <u>Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant</u> (CCCA) certification through the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) to ensure a high standard of care for Wyoming patients.”</p>