

Position Statement on Injectable Vitamins by Doctors of Chiropractic

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The Board generally tends to be of the opinion that chiropractors who are adequately and appropriately trained and educated in the provision of vitamin supplements via injection, should be able to provide vitamin injections. That said, our current statute does not clearly support that opinion. In attempt to obtain clarity, the Board requested an Advisory Letter from the Attorney General. The response we received from the Attorney General concluded that Chiropractors lack the authority to prescribe, use or administer drugs, which extends to substances injected to treat disease and that offering vitamin injections to treat patients exceeds the scope of the practice of chiropractic as currently defined by NC law. The AG response was a non-binding advisory letter, not a formal AG opinion, but we caution any Chiropractor that is considering the provision of vitamin injections, it is a felony to practice medicine without a license in North Carolina.

This is the Conclusion from the Opinion of the NC Attorney General Office:

Chiropractors lack authority to prescribe, use, or administer drugs, which under Baker, extends to substances injected to treat disease. The enactment of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-151.1 authorizes the sale of nutritional supplements as food, but nothing more. Offering vitamin injections to treat patients exceeds the scope of the practice of chiropractic as currently defined by the General Assembly.

Please be aware that this is an advisory letter. It has not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the procedures for issuing a formal Attorney General's Opinion.