

**ALASKA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
POSITION STATEMENT: MASSAGE THERAPISTS**

**Date:** January 22, 2016

**Status:** New

**Organized by:** Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners

**Adopted by:** Alaska Board of chiropractic Examiners

**PURPOSE:**

Purpose of this position statement is to acknowledge the formation of the Massage Board and support the employment of massage therapists who are recognized and authorized by the Board.

**HISTORY:**

Historically, chiropractic physicians have hired massage therapists for direct patient contact in their offices. The formation of the Massage Board by the Legislature of the State of Alaska provides a comprehensive Registry and background information gathering system of prospective massage therapists for licensure, providing the public with assurances of proper training and safety in this field.

**SUMMARY:**

The Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners encourages all Chiropractic Physicians practicing in the State of Alaska to ensure that any massage therapist employed in direct patient services have licensure from the Massage Board. The Board supports the role of Chiropractic Physicians in the examination of patients for the establishment of medical necessity for massage services, and discourages such examinations and authorizations for patients who are not co-receiving chiropractic care, unless properly documented.