

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Larry D. Dixon, Executive Director

May 27, 1998

Dear :

At its recent meeting of May 20, 1998, the State Board of Medical Examiners considered your correspondence of April 22, 1998 requesting information concerning professional corporations and chiropractors. The Board has directed that I submit the following response.

A chiropractor may not own shares in a medical professional corporation under Alabama law. Ala. Code §10-4-373 provides that domestic professional corporations may be organized only for the purpose of rendering professional services within a single profession (with the exception of medical and dental services).

A medical professional corporation may hire a licensed chiropractor as an employee to perform chiropractic services since many services provided by a chiropractor may also be legally provided by a physician. However, the physician owners of the medical professional corporation may not authorize, permit, aid or abet the unlicensed practice of medicine by the chiropractor, which would constitute a violation of Ala. Code §34-24-360(13). In addition, there may exist ethical or professional prohibitions within the profession of chiropractic which would preclude a chiropractor practicing as an employee of a corporation other than a chiropractic professional corporation. No opinion is expressed by the Board of Medical Examiners on that issue.

I hope that the foregoing information has been responsive to your requests.

Sincerely,
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

/s/ Larry D. Dixon

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