



*The ICRC exists to support those jurisdictions that have legislative authority to regulate chiropractors, and to assist those who wish to work toward adding the appropriate regulatory structure to protect the public. The ICRC supports mobility with accountability for qualified practitioners. A primary goal of the organization is to foster best practices in all aspects of chiropractic regulation.*

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## **DRAFT Statement on Competency**

The public is best served by competent chiropractors who practice in a safe, effective, and ethical manner and who also comply with the legal requirements and professional expectations relevant to their jurisdiction.

Competent chiropractors operate as primary health care providers in a patient-centered, holistic, evidence-based framework. As portals of entry to the health delivery system, chiropractors diagnose, care for the human body in health and disease, and consult with, or refer to, other health care providers when appropriate for the best interest of the patient.

Competent chiropractors are able to integrate ethical attitudes and values, clinical knowledge and understanding, and a broad set of skills within a range of contexts and complexities, taking into account social considerations.

They demonstrate their competency through the judicious use of these integrated components within the occupational setting.

Competent chiropractors interface with patients, workplace personnel, chiropractic and interprofessional colleagues, and the community at large.

Competent chiropractors understand their patients' health care needs. They have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to perform a range of procedures for diagnostic and therapeutic and general health and wellness purposes.

Competent chiropractors understand their roles within the professionally managed work environment. They give due attention to safety, quality, and communication.

Regular collaboration with colleagues, both within the chiropractic profession, and involving the extended health care community, is **indicative of or hallmark of** competent chiropractors.

Competent chiropractors are seen as health advocates in the larger community. They provide information in a balanced and evidence-informed context.

Competent chiropractors embrace true professionalism, demonstrating critical thinking, self-evaluation, and life-long, self-directed learning. They maintain current information and research literacy.

The chiropractor of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is expected to function as an active partner in the global health care system. Under the authority of regulation, those involved in education, accreditation, and examination are devoted to assuring the public that today's chiropractor maintains the competencies required by our evolving world.