Civil Penalty Proposed for Unlicensed Chiropractic

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) is proposing to assess a $10,000 civil penalty against Newport resident Mike LeBoss for performing unlicensed chiropractic adjustments on a number of his personal clients.

Several clients reported Mr. LeBoss performed painful adjustments to their neck, back and hips. He did not take a history or perform a clinical examination, create a treatment plan or keep any relevant records. The OBCE’s proposed order alleges Mr. LeBoss is performing chiropractic techniques that are taught in chiropractic schools. He has denied practicing chiropractic on his clients.

[The full text of the Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty can be found on the OBCE’s website at: http://www.oregon.gov/OBCE/proposed_orders/LeBoss_99_11_1012.pdf]

“Unlicensed chiropractic adjusting from untrained persons can create real harm and injury. Chiropractic physicians must complete a four year course of training that is comprehensive. They have specialized training in diagnosis and imaging, manual adjusting and physiotherapeutic techniques. They must pass a battery of national exams to prove their competency before they obtain licensure and can practice,” said Dave McTeague, the OBCE’s Executive Director. “The OBCE has taken action previously to address unlicensed practice.”

Mr. LeBoss has 30 days in which to request a contested case hearing before an impartial administrative law judge. Following contested case hearing, the judge makes findings and issues a proposed order for the Board’s consideration. After the Board makes a final decision, the licensee may appeal the decision to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The OBCE is the state agency responsible for licensing and regulation of the chiropractic profession with a primary mission of public protection. Decisions are made by a seven-member board consisting of five chiropractic physicians and two public members.

Anyone with additional information may contact the OBCE’s investigator at 503-373-1615.

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The mission of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to protect and benefit the public health and safety, and promote quality in the chiropractic profession.