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INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S):**

To address and provide definition to what "telehealth" means for chiropractic physicians.

**JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:**

The OBCE had a few cases recently where clarity of definition and conduct would have been helpful to licensees and the Board. We are seeing a noticeable increase in interest in "telehealth" from licensee and from patients unsure of what is appropriate

**DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:**

Existing OAR and SB 786 (2017)

ADOPT: 811-015-0066

RULE TITLE: Telehealth

RULE SUMMARY: To regulate the practice of chiropractic by unlicensed persons on Oregon patients

**RULE TEXT:**

- (1) As used in this section, "telehealth" means a variety of methods, through the use of electronic and telecommunications technologies, for the distance delivery of health care services, including chiropractic services, and clinical information designed to improve the health status of a patient located in Oregon, and to enhance delivery of the health care services and clinical information.
- (2) A chiropractic physician who is licensed by, and is in active status with, the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners to practice chiropractic may use telehealth if:
  - (a) In the professional judgment of the chiropractic physician, the use of telehealth is an appropriate manner in which to provide a chiropractic service;
  - (b) The chiropractic physician is providing a chiropractic service that is within the scope of practice of the chiropractic physician; and
  - (c) If there is a pre-established doctor/patient relationship.

(3) The use of telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section is not an expansion of the scope of practice of chiropractic physicians.

(4) The board shall treat a chiropractic service that is delivered by a chiropractic physician through telehealth as described in subsection (2) of this section the same as the board treats the chiropractic service when delivered in person. The board shall apply identical quality and practice standards to a particular chiropractic service regardless of the method of delivery of the chiropractic service.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 684

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 684.155