

I AM LICENSED AS A HUMAN HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER, CAN I TREAT ANIMALS?

Licensed human health care practitioners can practice veterinary medicine without a license from this Board only if the following conditions are met:

You are acting on a referral from an Oregon licensed veterinarian for a specific animal; AND

The referral specifies the treatment or therapy you are providing to the animal AND

You only act within that specific referral.

Are you a licensed chiropractic physician? If so, you must also follow this rule:

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Animal Chiropractic

(1) A licensed chiropractic physician may provide chiropractic diagnosis and treatment to an animal if the animal has been referred to the chiropractic physician in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

(2) “Animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment” means treatment that includes spinal manipulation of nonhuman vertebrates. The term “animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment” shall not be construed to allow the following:

- (a) use of x-rays,
- (b) performing surgery,
- (c) dispensing or administering of medications, or
- (d) performance of traditional veterinary care.

(3) Any chiropractic physician engaged in the practice of animal chiropractic shall maintain complete and accurate records and/or patient files in their office for a minimum of three years.

Are you a licensed physical therapist? If so, you must also follow this rule:

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A physical therapist may provide physical therapy treatment to an animal under a referral from a veterinarian licensed under ORS Chapter 686. The referral must be in writing and specify the treatment or therapy to be provided pursuant to 686.040(4). The standard of care and documentation for physical therapy care to an animal shall be as provided for veterinarians under ORS Chapter 686.