#### PROPOSED REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

#### PRACTICE OF NAPRAPATHY

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#### **Definitions**

- **Sec.1.** "Licensed physician" means a physician or osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to NRS Chapter 630 or NRS Chapter 633.
- **Sec.2.** "Licensee" means an individual licensed as a naprapath pursuant to this Chapter and AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- **Sec.3.** "Person" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 0.039.
- Sec.4. "Board" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.09 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- **Sec.5.** "Advisory Board" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.06 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- Sec.6. "Division" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.12 of AB 153 of the 82nd Session (2023).
- Sec.7. "Naprapath" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.15 of AB 153 of the 82nd Session (2023).
- **Sec.8.** "Controlled substance" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 0.031.
- **Sec.9.** "Drug" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 639.007.
- **Sec.10.** "License" means a license issued pursuant to this Chapter and AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) authorizing an individual to practice naprapathy in the state.

### Sec.11. Infection Control

A licensed naprapath and anyone working under a licensed naprapath that provides direct patient care shall follow nationally recognized infection control and prevention guidelines applicable to the setting for which they are practicing, including but not limited to the Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Settings:

Minimum Expectations for Safe Care, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(https://www.cdc.gov/hai/settings/outpatient/outpatient-care-guidelines.html), applicable guidelines from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, or other nationally recognized infection control and prevention guidelines.

### Sec.12. Cannot Practice Naprapathy in Nevada without a Valid License

A person shall not practice naprapathy in this state without a valid license issued by the Division.

### Sec.13. Applications - General Requirements

- 1. In addition to any applicable statutory requirements, an application for a license pursuant to this section must include:
- (a) The applicant's full name, including his or her first name, middle name if applicable and last name:
  - (b) Any other name that has been used by the applicant;
  - (c) The applicant's date of birth;
- (d) The applicant's physical address and the applicant's mailing address if different than the physical address;

- (e) A telephone number at which the applicant can be reached;
- (f) An electronic mail address at which the applicant can be reached;
- (g) An attestation by the applicant acknowledging the mandatory reporting requirements concerning the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older or vulnerable person set forth in NRS 200.5093 or neglect of a child set forth in NRS 432B.220; and
- (h) Any other information required by the Division to determine the applicant's identity or eligibility for licensure.
- 2. An applicant must provide all the information requested by the Division needed to complete the application within 90 days. If the applicant does not submit the information requested by the Division required to complete the application within 90 days, the application shall be denied. The applicant may submit a new application with the associated fee and required criminal history requirements pursuant to section 1.4 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) and this chapter.
- 3. An applicant or licensee shall notify the Division of any change to the information contained in his or her application within 30 days after the change. The notification may be made in writing, by electronic mail or by any other method authorized by the Division. The failure of an applicant or licensee to comply with the requirements of this subsection constitutes grounds for the denial of an application or an imposition of a \$1,000\$ fine for each instance in which an applicant or licensee fails to notify the Division of such a change.
- 4. The Division may require a personal interview with an applicant to evaluate that person's qualifications for a license.

### Sec. 14. Initial Licensure requirements (Sec. 1.26, AB 153)

- 1. The Division shall grant a license to practice naprapathy to a person who provides evidence satisfactory to the Division that the person meets the requirements for a license to practice naprapathy pursuant to Section 1.32 of AB 153 of the 82nd Session (2023) and who:
  - a. Completes an application for initial licensure in a format prescribed by the Division;
  - b. Submits the application fee pursuant to subsection 5 of Section 1.32;
  - c. Provides evidence acceptable to the Division that the applicant passed the national examination administered by the national board of naprapathic examiners (Section 1.46);
  - d. Provides evidence acceptable to the Division of professional liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$200,000 per claim and a minimum aggregate amount of \$600,000 per vear;
  - e. If applicable, provides the name of every state or US territory or District of Columbia that the individual has had a license to practice naprapathy, the license number and the date of expiration;
  - f. Has not had a license to practice naprapathy or other health care license registration or certificate refused, revoked or suspended by any other jurisdiction for reasons that relate to the applicant's ability to practice naprapathy unless that license, registration or certification has been restored skillfully and safely to good standing by that jurisdiction;
  - g. Provides evidence acceptable to the Division that the applicant has graduated from a Program of Education in Naprapathy approved by the Division.
  - h. Provides two letters of recommendation from individuals licensed as a naprapath or a physician licensed in this State, in the District of Columbia, or any state or territory of the United States at the time the letter is written, and who have personal knowledge of the applicant's moral character and competence to practice naprapathy;
  - i. Submits to the Division, prior to being fingerprinted pursuant to Section 1.4 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023), the Notice of Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Rights, Consents and Self Disclosure of Criminal History, in a format prescribed by the Division;

- j. Completes the criminal history requirements pursuant to section 1.4 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) and this chapter;
- k. Attests that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and
- *I.* Any other information requested by the Division needed to complete the application.

### Sec.15. License by endorsement. (Sec. 1.35 & 1.38)

- 1. In addition to the requirements for a license by endorsement to practice naprapathy pursuant to Section 1.35 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023), an applicant for license by endorsement applying pursuant to Sec. 1.35 must provide:
  - (a) The state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant holds a corresponding and unrestricted license and the number of that license. If the Division is not able to verify that the individual holds a valid license by utilizing the applicable online licensure verification system of the entity issuing the license, the applicant must request that the state or jurisdiction issuing such a license send the licensure verification directly to the Division.
  - (b) An attestation, under penalty of perjury, that he or she meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(2) and (3) of Subsection 2 of Section 1.35 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) or if applying pursuant to Sec. 1.38 attests, under penalty of perjury, that he or she meets the requirements of paragraph (a) (2) and (3) of Section 1.38 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023);
  - (c) If applying pursuant to Section 1.35, submits to the Division the information required by Section 1.35 (2) (b) or if applying pursuant to Section 1.38 submits to the Division the information required by Section 1.38 (2) (b);
  - (d) Submits to the Division, prior to being fingerprinted pursuant to Section 1.4 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023), the Notice of Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Rights, Consents and Self Disclosure of Criminal History, in a format prescribed by the Division;
  - (e) Submits to the Division the information required by Section 1.43 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) in a format prescribed by the Division;
  - (f) Attests that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; and
  - (g) Submits any other information required by the Division.

### Sec.16. Provisional License (Sec. 1.38)

- 1. The Division may grant a provisional license pursuant to Section 1.38 (4) of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) so long as the applicant has complied with the provisions of Section 1.4 of AB 153 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session (2023) and the applicant meets the requirement set forth in subsection 1 (a) and 1 (b) of Section 1.38 of AB 153 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session (2023).
- 2. The applicant must submit evidence satisfactory to the Division of meeting the requirements for a provisional license pursuant to subsection 1.

### Sec.17. License Renewal (Section 1.49)

- 1. A license to engage in the practice of naprapathy expires on January 1 of each year.
- 2. The Division may renew a license if the applicant renews their license before it expires and submits to the Division:
  - (a) A renewal application in a format prescribed by the Division and the appropriate fee required pursuant to Section 1.49 (3) of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023);
  - (b) Attests to completion of continuing education requirements pursuant to Section 36 of this Chapter; and

(c) Has not committed any act which is grounds for disciplinary action, unless the Division determines that sufficient restitution has been made or the act was not substantially related to the practice of naprapathy.

### Sec.18. Validity of notice sent to licensee or applicant

Any notice that is required by the provisions of this chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd Legislative Session (2023) to be delivered by mail or electronically to a licensee or an applicant for a license to engage in the practice of naprapathy shall be deemed to be validly given if the notice is sent to the last address or electronic mail address that was provided to the Division by the licensee or applicant.

## Sec.19. Requirements to register as a teacher, advisor or supervisor pursuant to subsection 2 of section 1.29 of AB 153 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session (2023)

- 1. A person who is not licensed to practice naprapathy in this state, may register with the Division, in a format prescribed by the Division, to practice naprapathy in this State pursuant to subsection 2 of section 1.29 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- 2. The registration shall include:
  - (a) The applicant's full name, including his or her first name, middle name if applicable and last name;
  - (b) The applicant's date of birth;
  - (c) The applicant's social security number or a taxpayer identification number;
  - (d) The applicant's physical address and the applicant's mailing address if different than the physical address;
  - (e) A telephone number at which the applicant can be reached;
  - (f) An electronic mail address at which the applicant can be reached;
  - (g) The state of issuance, license number and expiration date of a license to practice naprapathy from the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.
  - (h) An attestation by the applicant acknowledging the mandatory reporting requirements concerning the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older or vulnerable person set forth in NRS 200.5093 or neglect of a child set forth in NRS 432B.220;
  - (i) Proof of licensure, as deemed sufficient by the Division, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States as a naprapath; and
  - (j) Any other information required by the Division to determine the applicant's identity or eligibility to register as a teacher, advisor or supervisor pursuant to subsection 2 of section 1.29 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).

## Sec.20. Rules of Professional Conduct for Naprapaths (Sec. 1.26 (1)(b), AB 153) Prohibited professional conduct

- 1. A person who is licensed as a naprapath in this State shall not:
- (a) Falsify records of health care;
- (b) Falsify medical records so as to indicate his or her presence at a time when he or she was not in attendance with a patient or falsify those records to indicate that procedures were performed by him or her which were in fact not performed by him or her;
- (c) Render professional services to a patient while the licensed naprapath is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or is in any impaired mental or physical condition;
- (d) Recommend anabolic steroids for any person to increase muscle mass for competitive or athletic purposes;
- (e) Make an unreasonable additional charge for tests in a laboratory, radiological services or other services for testing which are ordered by the licensed naprapath and performed outside his or her own office;

- (f) Fail to honor the advance directive of a patient without informing the patient or the surrogate or guardian of the patient, and without documenting in the patient's records the reasons for failing to honor the advance directive of the patient contained therein;
- (g) Administer or use, or allow any person under his or her supervision, direction or control to administer or use, a single-use medical device:
  - (1) For more than one procedure if intended for one use;
  - (2) For more than one patient if intended for use on a single patient; or
- (3) In a manner inconsistent with the manufacturer's instructions or directions included on or with the single-use medical device.
- 2. As used in this section "Single-use medical device" means a medical device that is intended for one use or on a single patient during a single procedure.

### Sec. 21. Naprapath Subject to Disciplinary Action Related to Convictions (Section 1.58, AB 153)

- 1. In addition to the grounds listed in this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023), the Division may deny a license to an applicant for licensure as a naprapath or may suspend or revoke the license of a naprapath if the applicant or licensee has been convicted of:
  - (1) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;
  - (2) Any felony involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;
  - (3) Assault or battery with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;
  - (4) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime that is punished as a felony; ;
  - (5) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;
  - (6) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive.
  - (7) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, within the immediately preceding 7 years; or
  - (8) Any offense involving moral turpitude.

### Sec.22. Petition process for Applicant for Licensure as a Naprapath or Licensee Convicted of a Disqualifying Crime

- 1. An applicant for licensure as a naprapath or a licensee convicted of a crime listed in Section 21 who is subject to disciplinary action may petition the Division to not impose disciplinary action despite the report.
- 2. A petition submitted pursuant to subsection 1 must be:
  - (a) In the form prescribed by the Division and include:
    - (1) The name of the petitioner;
    - (2) The social security number of the petitioner or, if the petitioner has not been assigned a social security number, the taxpayer identification number of the petitioner;
    - (3) The consent of the petitioner for the Division to:
      - (I) Interview the petitioner or any other person or entity whom the Division determines may have information relevant to the petition, including, without limitation, current and prior employers and family members of the petitioner; and
      - (II) Obtain any information that the Division determines necessary to evaluate the petition.
- 3. A petitioner pursuant to this section shall provide to the Division any documentation requested by the Division for the purpose of evaluating the petition.

- 4. When evaluating a petition submitted pursuant to this section, the Division shall consider:
  - (a) The amount of time that has passed since a conviction pursuant to Section 21;
  - (b) The number of times the applicant for licensure as a naprapath or licensee has been convicted of a crime pursuant to Section 21;
  - (c) Demonstration of rehabilitation of the petitioner;
  - (d) Relevance of the reported conviction of a crime pursuant to Section 21 to the practice of naprapathy;
  - (e) Whether the person is required by federal or state law to register as a sex offender; and
  - (f) Any relevant extenuating circumstances.
- 5. Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Division receives a petition submitted pursuant to this section, the Division shall issue and provide to the petitioner a written decision concerning whether the applicant for licensure as a naprapath or licensee will be subject to disciplinary action based on a conviction of a crime pursuant to Section 21 or will not be subject to disciplinary action.
- 6. The Division may rescind a written decision issued pursuant to subsection 5 at any time.
- 7. An applicant for licensure as a naprapath whose application is denied after submitting a petition pursuant to this section, shall not be allowed to apply for licensure as a naprapath pursuant to this chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) for 2 years after the date on which the application was denied.
- 8. A petition submitted pursuant to this section and all information included in or accompanying such a petition is confidential. A final written decision issued pursuant to subsection 5 is a public record.

### Sec.23. Required actions of licensee or applicant if background investigation cannot be completed.

- 1. If the Division determines that a background investigation conducted pursuant to this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) of an applicant for licensure as a naprapath or licensee cannot be completed because pertinent information is missing, the Division shall send a notice to the applicant or licensee which specifies the missing information and provides that the applicant or licensee must:
  - (a) Submit the missing information to the Division within 30 days after receipt of the notice; or
  - (b) Submit satisfactory evidence to the Division that the missing information cannot be obtained.
- 2. If a background investigation cannot be completed because the applicant or licensee has been arrested or issued a citation, or has been the subject of a warrant for alleged criminal conduct, and there has been no disposition of the matter, the applicant or licensee shall:
- (a) Notify the Division immediately upon the scheduling of any judicial proceeding concerning the matter; and
- (b) Notify the Division immediately upon the disposition of the matter and forward to the Division evidence of the disposition of the matter as soon as it is available.
  - 3. As used in this section, "disposition" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 179A.050.

#### Sec.24. Challenge of accuracy of information provided by the Division.

If an applicant for a license or licensee wishes to challenge the accuracy of the information provided by the Division, the applicant or licensee must notify the Division within 10 working days after being notified of the results of the background investigation that the applicant or licensee is challenging the accuracy of the information. The Division shall give the applicant or licensee not less than 30 days after the Division receives notice of the challenge to provide satisfactory evidence to the Division that the information is incorrect before denying the application or suspending or revoking a license.

### Sec.25. Actions of Division upon determining that an applicant has been convicted of certain crime.

The Division, upon determining that an applicant for a license to practice naprapathy or a licensee has been convicted of a crime pursuant to section 21:

- 1. May revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the license or deny the application; or
- 2. If the licensee or applicant has notified the Division that the licensee or applicant is challenging the accuracy of information provided by the Division pursuant to Section 24 or files a petition pursuant to Section 22, the Division may suspend the license or deny the application pending the resolution of the challenge or petition, as applicable.

#### Sec.26. Fees

- 1. The following fees must be paid by a licensee or an applicant for a license to engage in the practice of naprapathy, as applicable:
  - a. For the issuance of a license, the fee pursuant to subsection 5 of Section 1.32 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
  - b. For the renewal of a license, the fee pursuant to Section 1.49 (3) of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
  - c. For the registration as a teacher, advisor or supervisor......\$50
  - d. For the issuance of a license by endorsement, the fee pursuant to subsection 2(d) of Section 1.35 and subsection 2(d) of Section 1.38 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- 2. The amount of the fees charged by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the handling of the fingerprint cards and issuance of the reports of criminal histories must be paid by the applicant.

## Sec.27. Grounds for Initiating Disciplinary Action (Section 1.58 of AB 153 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session (2023).

- 1. The following acts constitute grounds for disciplinary action that may be taken in accordance with Section 28, as substantiated by the Division:
  - (a) Any disciplinary action, including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension, modification or limitation of a license to practice naprapathy, taken by another state, the Federal Government, a foreign country or any other jurisdiction or the surrender of the license or discontinuing the practice of naprapathy while under investigation by any licensing authority, a medical facility, a branch of the Armed Services of the United States, an insurance company, an agency of the Federal Government or an employer.
  - (b) Malpractice, which may be evidenced by claims settled against a practitioner, but only if the malpractice is established by a preponderance of the evidence as determined by the Division.
  - (c) The engaging by a practitioner in any sexual activity with a patient who is currently being treated by the practitioner or engaging in sexual contact with the surrogate of a patient or other key persons related to a patient, including, without limitation, a spouse, parent or legal guardian, which exploits the relationship between the naprapath and the patient in a sexual manner.
  - (d) Disruptive behavior with naprapaths, licensed physicians, hospital personnel, patients, members of the families of patients or any other persons if the behavior interferes with patient care or has an adverse impact on the quality of care rendered to a patient.
  - (e) The engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and exploits the relationship between the naprapath and the patient for financial or other personal gain.
  - (f) The failure to offer appropriate procedures or studies, to protest inappropriate denials by organizations for managed care, to provide necessary services or to refer a patient to an appropriate provider, when the failure occurs with the intent of positively influencing the financial well-being of the practitioner or an insurer.
  - (g) Obtaining, maintaining or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice naprapathy by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement.

- (h) Advertising the practice of naprapathy in a false, deceptive or misleading manner.
- (i) Practicing or attempting to practice naprapathy under another name.
- (j) Attempting directly or indirectly, by way of intimidation, coercion or deception, to obtain or retain a patient or to discourage the use of a second opinion.
- (k) Terminating the naprapathic care of a patient without adequate notice or without making other arrangements for the continued care of the patient.
- (I) Directly or indirectly receiving from any person, corporation or other business organization any fee, commission, rebate or other form of compensation which is intended or tends to influence the naprapath's objective evaluation or treatment of a patient.
- (m) Dividing a fee between licensees except where the patient is informed of the division of fees and the division of fees is made in proportion to the services personally performed and the responsibility assumed by each licensee.
- (n) Referring, in violation of NRS 439B.425, a patient to a health facility, medical laboratory or commercial establishment in which the licensee has a financial interest.
- (o) Charging for visits to the naprapath's office which did not occur or for services which were not rendered or documented in the records of the patient.
- (p) Aiding, assisting, employing or advising, directly or indirectly, any unlicensed person to engage in the practice of naprapathy contrary to the provisions of this chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- (q) Delegating responsibility for the care of a patient to a person if the licensee knows, or has reason to know, that the person is not qualified to undertake that responsibility.
- (r) Failing to disclose to a patient any financial or other conflict of interest.
- (s) The inability to practice naprapathy with reasonable skill and safety because of illness, a mental or physical condition or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics or any other substance.
- (t) A violation of the standards of practice established pursuant to this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- (u) Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or performing services which the licensee knows or has reason to know that he or she is not competent to perform, or which are beyond the scope of his or her training.
- (v) Performing, without first obtaining the informed consent of the patient, the patient's guardian or power of attorney, any procedure or prescribing any therapy which by the current standards of the practice of naprapathy is experimental.
- (w) Continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by naprapaths in good standing.
- (x) Having an alcohol or other substance use disorder.
- (y) Making or filing a report which the licensee or applicant knows to be false or failing to file a record or report as required by law or regulation.
- 2. In addition to the acts listed in subsection 1, the following acts constitute grounds for disciplinary action that may be taken in accordance with Section 28, as substantiated by the Division:
  - (a) Failure by a licensee or applicant to report in writing, within 30 days, any disciplinary action taken against the licensee or applicant by another state, the Federal Government or a foreign country, including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension or surrender of a license to practice naprapathy in another jurisdiction. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to any disciplinary action taken by the Division.
  - (b) Failure by a licensee or applicant to report in writing, within 30 days, any criminal action taken, or conviction obtained against the licensee or applicant, other than a minor traffic violation, in this State or any other state or by the Federal Government, a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or any local or federal jurisdiction of a foreign country.

- (c) Engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- (d) Violation of this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- (e) Violation of any other state or federal law or regulation applicable to an applicant for licensure as a naprapath or a licensee.
- (f) Failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient.
- (g) Altering medical records of a patient.
- (h) Making or filing a report which the licensee knows to be false, failing to file a record or report as required by law or knowingly or willfully obstructing or inducing another to obstruct such filing.
- (i) Failure to make the medical records of a patient available for inspection and copying as provided in NRS 629.061, if the licensee is the custodian of health care records with respect to those records.
- (j) Knowingly or willfully disclosing a communication privileged pursuant to a statute or court order.
- 3. As used in this section, "custodian of health care records" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.016.

### Sec.28. Disciplinary Action Imposed by Division in Consultation with the Advisory Board

- 1. The Division may take the following disciplinary action for grounds constituting the initiation of disciplinary action pursuant to Sections 27:
  - a. Deny, suspend, revoke or refusal to renew a license.
  - b. Impose a limitation on the practice of the naprapath.
  - c. Impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation of this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
  - d. Any other disciplinary action determined by the Division to be appropriate based on the grounds for initiating disciplinary action such as requiring a licensee to enter into a contract to obtain alcohol or drug rehabilitation services if the suspension was related to the abuse of alcohol or a controlled substance.
- 2. The Division may take one or more of the disciplinary actions pursuant so subsection 2.
- 3. The Division may consult with the Advisory Board prior to imposing any disciplinary action pursuant to this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).

### Sec.29. Contents of order of revocation of license; reinstatement of license following revocation.

- 1. The Division shall, in each order of revocation, prescribe a period during which a licensee may not apply for the reinstatement of his or her license. The period must not be less than 1 year or more than 10 years.
  - 2. An applicant for the reinstatement of a license must:
    - (a) Submit an application for reinstatement on a form prescribed by the Division;
    - (b) Satisfy all the requirements for issuance of an initial license;
    - (c) Attest that he or she has not, during the period of revocation of his or her license, violated any state or federal statute or regulation governing the practice of naprapathy; and
    - (d) Attests that he or she is not currently under investigation by a regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory of the United States in which an applicant holds a license to practice naprapathy.
- 3. The Division may designate requirements in addition to the requirements of subsection 2 that must be satisfied before an applicant will be considered for reinstatement of his or her license, including, without limitation conducting an interview of the applicant, or completion of additional courses or programs if the applicant's license has been revoked for more than 2 years.

- 4. The Division:
- (a) Shall review an application for the reinstatement of a license to determine whether the application satisfies the requirements of this section; and
- (b) May deny an application for the reinstatement of a license which the Division determines does not satisfy those requirements.
- 5. In considering an application for the reinstatement of a license which has been revoked, the Division shall evaluate:
  - (a) The severity of the act which resulted in the revocation of the license;
  - (b) The conduct of the applicant after the revocation of the license;
  - (c) The lapse of time since the revocation of the license;
- (d) The degree of compliance by the applicant with any conditions the Division specified as a prerequisite for the reinstatement of the license;
- (e) The degree of rehabilitation attained by the applicant as evidenced by statements to the Division from qualified people who have professional knowledge of the applicant; and
  - (f) The truthfulness of the attestations made by the applicant pursuant to subsection 2.
- 6. After completing his or her evaluation the Division shall deny or grant the reinstatement of the license.
- 7. If the Division takes any disciplinary action against a licensee after the reinstatement of his or her license, the first such disciplinary action shall be deemed to be the licensee's first offense.
- 8. Prior to denying or granting the reinstatement of a license pursuant to subsection 7, the Division may consult with the Advisory Board.

### Sec.30. Licensee to pay costs of disciplinary action

A licensee shall pay all costs incurred in connection with any disciplinary action taken against the licensee.

### Sec.31. Complaints regarding unlicensed practice

- 1. Upon receipt of a complaint that a person is engaging in the practice of naprapathy without a license, the Division shall investigate such a complaint.
- 2. A person being investigated pursuant to subsection 1 shall cooperate fully with the Division in the investigation, including, without limitation, by:
  - (a) Participating in any requested interviews;
- (b) Allowing the onsite inspection of any locations at which the alleged unlicensed practice is occurring; and
- (c) Providing any requested documentation, including, without limitation, documentation providing satisfactory evidence that the person is not engaged in the practice of naprapathy, if applicable.

  3. If the Division determines the person is engaging in the practice of naprapathy without a license, the Division shall:
- (a) Direct the person immediately to cease and desist from the practice of naprapathy;
- (b) Notify the person that he or she must submit to the Division, within 10 days, an application for a license to engage in the practice of naprapathy or satisfactory evidence that the person is not engaged in the practice of naprapathy.
- 4. A person who submits an application pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 shall not engage in the practice of naprapathy until the Division issues a license to the person pursuant to this Chapter and AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).
- 5. If the person fails to submit the application required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 within 10 days after the date on which the Division notifies the person that such an application is required, or if the person fails to cooperate fully with the investigation pursuant to subsection 2:

(a) The matter must be referred to the Office of the Attorney General and the district attorney of the county in which the alleged violation occurred for investigation and possible prosecution pursuant to AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).

6. If an application submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 is denied, the applicant shall not be allowed to apply for licensure as a naprapath pursuant to this chapter and AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session for 2 years after the date on which the application was denied.

### Sec.32. Complaints against licensee or applicant; investigation.

- 1. Any person may submit to the Division a complaint against a licensee or an applicant for a license to engage in the practice of naprapathy from any person.
- 2. The Division may first examine a complaint to determine whether good cause exists to conduct an investigation. If good cause is found, the Division shall commence an investigation.
- 3. The Division may:
- a. Interview the licensee or applicant for a license to engage in the practice of naprapathy or any other person or entity whom the Division determines may have information relevant to the complaint, including, without limitation, and current and prior employers, employees of the applicant or licensee;
- b. Conduct onsite inspections to make any observations, interview individuals, and review any records, including but not limited to medical records, the Division determines is necessary to conduct its investigation; and
  - c. Obtain any information that the Division determines necessary to conduct the investigation.
- 4. The Division may bring the complaint and all associated information gathered pursuant to this section to the Advisory Board for their consultation. Information presented at the Advisory Board pursuant to this section is confidential and is not subject to subpoena.
- 4. If, after reviewing the findings of an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 2, the Division finds grounds for taking disciplinary action, the Division shall, after notice and hearing, issue a decision in the matter.
- 5. An applicant or licensee shall, pursuant to this section, provide to the Division any documentation, including but not limited to medical records, requested by the Division for the purpose of evaluating the petition.
- 6. The failure of a licensee to cooperate with an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 2 constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against the licensee.

## Sec.33. Terms of suspension of license; authority of Division to terminate or extend suspension, modify terms of suspension or revoke license; licensee to pay costs of complying with terms of suspension.

- 1. A person whose license is suspended shall comply with the terms of the suspension that are specified by the Division, which may include, without limitation:
- (a) Informing the Division of the name and address of his or her employer or, if self-employed, the name and address of his or her business.
  - (b) Submitting to the Division copies of evaluations of his or her performance by his or her employer.
  - (c) Undergoing counseling with a qualified professional counselor.
- (d) Undergoing treatment for addiction, if the suspension was related to the abuse of alcohol or a controlled substance or some other condition that may be assisted with treatment, by a qualified health care provider.
- (e) Entering into a contract to obtain alcohol or drug rehabilitation services if the suspension was related to the abuse of alcohol or a controlled substance.
- (f) Submitting to the Division copies of reports prepared by a qualified professional counselor or qualified health care provider.

- (g) Submitting to the Division self-evaluation reports.
- (h) Submitting to the Division copies of the results of random screenings for alcohol or controlled substances.
  - (i) Meeting with the Division or a designated representative of the Division at specified intervals.
- (j) Working under supervision as approved by the Division or a designated representative of the Division.
  - (k) Completing successfully any educational courses required by the Division.
- (I) Submitting to the Division a report from a qualified professional counselor or qualified health care provider which sets forth that, in the opinion of the professional counselor or health care provider, the naprapath presents no risk of harm to his or her clients or the general public.
  - (m) Successfully completing a rehabilitation program specified by the Division.
- 2. If at any time the Division determines that the licensee has violated the terms of the suspension or that the progress and performance of the licensee under the suspension are unsatisfactory, the Division may extend the period of the suspension, modify the terms of the suspension or revoke the license of the licensee.
- 3. The licensee shall pay all costs incurred by the licensee to comply with the terms of the suspension of his or her license which are specified by the Division pursuant to this section.
- 4. The Division may consult with the Advisory Board regarding the terms of suspension of a licensee and whether to terminate or extend the suspension.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the Division may terminate the suspension and reinstate the license at any time.
- 6. If the Division consulted with the Advisory Board regarding the terms of suspension of a licensee or whether to terminate or extend the suspension, The Division shall consult with the Advisory Board prior to terminating the suspension and reinstating a license pursuant to subsection 5.

#### Sec.34. Appeal of Decision relating to disciplinary action

- 1. If a person is aggrieved by a decision of the Division pursuant to this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023) relating to the denial, suspension, refusal to renew or revocation of a license, the imposition of an administrative sanction or any other disciplinary action, the aggrieved person may file an appeal of the decision with the Division.
- 2. In any appeal filed with the Division pursuant to subsection 1, unless otherwise provided by the Division, the procedures set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.395, inclusive, apply.
- 3. As used in this section, "disciplinary action" means any disciplinary action taken pursuant to this Chapter or Section 1.58 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).

### Sec.35. Report Pursuant to Subsection 5 of NRS 228.420 (Section 1.65)

- 1. If the Division receives a report pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 228.420 a hearing must be held in accordance with the administrative hearings before the State Board of Health procedures set forth in NAC 439.190 and NAC 439.195, to consider the contents of the report and the advice of the Advisory Board.
- 2. The Board may:
  - 1. Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers and documents; and
  - 2. Administer oaths when taking testimony in any matter relating to the report received pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 228.420.
  - 3. The district court in and for the county in which any hearing is held by the Board may compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony and the production of books, papers and documents as required by any subpoena issued by the Board.

- 4. In case of the refusal of any witness to attend or testify or produce any books, papers or documents required by a subpoena, the Board may report to the district court in and for the county in which the hearing is pending, by petition setting forth:
- (a) That due notice has been given of the time and place of attendance of the witness or the production of books, papers or documents;
  - (b) That the witness has been subpoenaed in the manner prescribed by this chapter; and
- (c) That the witness has failed and refused to attend or produce the books, papers or documents required by the subpoena before the Board in the cause or proceeding named in the subpoena or has refused to answer questions propounded to him or her in the course of the hearing and ask an order of the court compelling the witness to attend and testify or produce the books, papers or documents before the Board.
- (d) The court, upon petition of the Board, shall enter an order directing the witness to appear before the court at a time and place to be fixed by the court in the order, the time to be not more than 10 days after the date of the order, to show cause why the witness has not attended or testified or produced the books, papers or documents before the Board. A certified copy of the order must be served upon the witness.
- 3. If it appears to the court that the subpoena was regularly issued by the Board, the court shall enter an order that the witness appear before the Board at the time and place fixed in the order and testify or produce the required books, papers or documents. Upon failure to obey the order, the witness must be dealt with as for contempt of court.
- 4. The Board must hold the hearing as described by subsection 1 of this section within 45 days or the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, whichever is later.

## Sec.36. Requirements for continuing education; audits by Division to ensure compliance with certain requirements (AB 153, Subsection (1) (d))

- 1. Each licensee shall attest to his or her compliance with the requirements for continuing education at the time for the renewal of his or her license. The attestation must be made in a format prescribed by the Division.
- 2. The Division will perform random audits of licensees for compliance with the requirements for continuing education.
- 3. If audited by the Division, a licensee shall prove that he or she has participated in thirty hours of continuing education hours during the 12 months which immediately precede the licensees license expiration date by presenting authenticated photocopies of original certificates of completion or computer printouts from approved providers of continuing education to the Division. A certificate of completion or computer printout must include:
  - (a) The title of the course;
  - (b) The name of the provider of the course;
  - (c) The name of the body which approved the course;
  - (d) The date on which the course was presented;
  - (e) The name and license number of the naprapath; and
  - (f) The number of hours earned in the course.
- 4. A licensee shall retain documentation of completion of the requirements for continuing education for 4 years.
- 5. Three of the thirty continuing education hours required pursuant to this Section shall be in ethics.
- 6. A licensee may use any of the following courses to meet his or her continuing education requirements pursuant to this section:
  - i. Continuing education courses approved or provided by an accredited school of Naprapathic Medicine in the District of Columbia, or in any state or territory of the United States;

- ii. Courses approved or provided by a government entity that licenses naprapaths in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
- iii. Courses approved or provided by a nationally recognized naprapathic organization, such as the American Naprapathic Association;
- iv. Certificate of Category 1 credit as recognized by the American Medical Association that is relevant to the practice of naprapathy;
- v. Continuing education courses approved by other government entities that license providers of health care in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States that is relevant to the practice of naprapathy;
- vi. Courses offered by accredited colleges and universities that offer courses relevant to the practice of naprapathy;
- vii. A continuing education course recommended by the Advisory Board to the Division and approved by the Division.
- 7. A licensee that has allowed a license to expire and is seeking reinstatement, must conform to continuing education licensure requirements from the date the license expired.

# Sec.37. Requirements Governing Advertising or the use of Promotional Materials by a Naprapath (AB 153, Section 1.26 (1) (e))

- 1. A licensee shall not advertise in such a manner that the advertising or use of promotional materials by a naprapath:
  - (a) Claims that a manifestly incurable disease can be permanently cured;
- (b) Includes any false claim of a licensee's skill as a naprapath, or the efficacy or value of his or her treatment;
- (c) Claims or implies professional superiority of the performance of any professional service in a manner superior to that of other providers of health care;
- (d) Guarantees any professional service or the results of any course of treatment, or the performance of any procedure painlessly;
- (e) Includes any statement which is known to be false, or through the exercise of reasonable care should be known to be false, deceptive, misleading or harmful, in order to induce any person to purchase, utilize or acquire any professional services or to enter into any obligation or transaction relating thereto;
- (f) Includes any extravagant claim, aggrandizement of abilities or self-laudatory statement calculated to attract patients, and which has a tendency to mislead the public or produce unrealistic expectations in particular cases; or
- (g) Is false, deceptive or misleading in regard to the price, cost, charge, fee or terms of credit or services performed or to be performed.
- 2. It is sufficient for disciplinary purposes that any statement or other advertising described in paragraph (e), (f) or (g) of subsection 1 has a tendency to:
- (a) Deceive, mislead or harm the public because of its false, deceptive, misleading or harmful character; or
- (b) Produce unrealistic expectations in particular cases, even though no member of the public is actually deceived, misled or harmed, or no unrealistic expectations are actually produced by the statement or other advertising.

## Sec.38. Approval of Program of Education in Naprapathy by the Division (Section 1.26 (2)) Definitions

1. "Intern instructor" means an instructor that oversees a student's clinical internship program who is a licensed naprapath in this state.

- 2. "Program" means a program of education in Naprapathy pursuant to this section.
- 3. "Quarter" means a time frame equal to 12 weeks of regularly scheduled academic activities.

### Sec.39. Application for a Program of Education in Naprapathy

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person who wishes to offer a program of education in Naprapathy must, in a format prescribed by the Division, submit to the Division an application that includes, without limitation:
  - (a) The name of the program;
  - (b) The address of the program;
  - (c) The name, phone number and email of the point of contact;
  - (d) The resume or Curriculum Vitae of each instructor;
  - (e) The course curriculum with related instructional materials;
  - (f) The policies and procedures required pursuant to this section;
  - (g) The program's requirements;
  - (h) Proof that the program is accredited a nationally recognized accrediting agency of institutions of higher education that is recognized by the United States Department of Education; and
  - (h) Any other information or documentation needed by the Division to approve the application.
- 2. The Division will consider the information submitted pursuant to subsection 1 to be proprietary information and will not release that information without the consent of the applicant.
- 3. The Division, in consultation with the Advisory Board, may approve a program of education in Naprapathy that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency of institutions of higher education that is recognized by the United States Department of Education without an application being submitted pursuant to subsection 1. A program approved pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to meet the requirements to become a program of education in Naprapathy pursuant to this Chapter and AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).

### Sec.40. Minimum Program of Education in Naprapathy Requirements

- 1. The program must be based on a four-year academic curriculum which must be completed no sooner than three years and no later than 5 years calculated from the original date of enrollment in order for a student to earn their naprapathy degree.
- 2. The program must establish a Naprapathic Research Project Committee composed of three members, of which at least one member is a licensed naprapath in this state, which must supervise each student's Naprapathic Research Project, and which must evaluate the communication component of each project. For any member that is not a licensed naprapath, the program must ensure that the members, through education, training and experience, are qualified to serve on the Naprapathic Research Project Committee.
- 3. The program must require students to pass a Clinical Entrance Exam prior to participating in the required clinical internship pursuant to subsection 13 of this section.
- 4. In addition to any laboratory or hands on training required as part of the curriculum in Section 42, a program must establish which courses must include hands on training or a laboratory component.
- 5. The program must prepare students in a manner which makes them eligible to take the National Board of Naprapathic Examiners exam upon completion of the program.
- 6. The program must include specific requirements of entrance into the program leading to the Doctor of Naprapathy degree, including, without limitation:

- a. Completion of, at a minimum a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Coursework must include a minimum equivalent of 24 quarter credit hours of general education with a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, including a minimum equivalent of 6 quarter credit hours in each of the following:
  - (i) English
  - (ii) Humanities
  - (iii) Natural and Physical Sciences including Biology and Organic Chemistry
  - (iv) Social Sciences
- 7. The program must require that prospective students submit official transcripts from all institutions attended, forwarded directly from the institution to the program.
- 8. The program must require official transcripts and college and university degrees from a foreign country be evaluated by a recognized member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) http://www.naces.org/members.htm.
- 9. The program must establish a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in order to graduate from the program. The program must establish a process for calculating the cumulative grade point average.
- 10. The program must require a student to pass and finish each class in order to move onto the next class. In addition to the cumulative grade point average requirement pursuant to subsection 9, a student must successfully complete at least 100% of all hours attempted in order to be making satisfactory academic progress.
- 11. The program must be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency of institutions of higher education that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.
- 12. The program must have policies and procedures in place to ensure the instructors are qualified to teach the courses they are assigned to teach. There must be enough Nevada licensed naprapaths on staff to ensure coverage of courses that require knowledge in the practice of naprapathy and the clinical internship.
- 13. The program must require a student to complete a clinical internship. The clinical internship must include the following:
  - a. The candidate for clinical internship must satisfy all academic requirements and pass a clinical exam approved by the program prior to beginning their clinical internship.
  - b. Except as otherwise provided in Section 46, a student must successfully complete a one-year clinical internship with the following minimum requirements:
    - 1. A minimum of 50 weeks, 2 days a week, 12 hours per week in supervised clinic practice.
    - 2. The administration of 500 Naprapathic treatments.
    - 3. Performance of a minimum of 15 nutritional counseling sessions.
    - 4. Completion of all clinical academic requirements.
    - 5. Earn a minimum of 80% each day based on an evaluation tool developed by the program.
    - 6. Maintain an average grade point average of 3.0 for clinical work.
- 14. A naprapathic preceptor or intern clinician designated by the licensed naprapathic preceptor on duty observes intern treatments on a regular basis. The naprapathic preceptor or his or her designee must evaluate interns daily on the program's established goals.

# Sec.41. Teachers, Advisors and Supervisors of a Program of Education in Naprapathy or a Program of Continuing Education

A person does not require to be a licensed naprapath in this State to serve as a teacher, advisor or supervisor in a program of education in naprapathy or a program of continuing education for naprapaths so long as the provisions of subsection 2 of Section 1.29 of AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session are met.

### Sec.42. Curriculum (Sec. 1.26 (1) (a), AB 153)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the course curriculum must include, at a minimum, the following courses in the first year or second year:

NAPRAPATHIC HISTORY, THEORIES, AND PRINCIPLES with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that presents the rationale for Naprapathic principles, theories and techniques. The course must cover the history of Naprapathy from its origins up to the present, the evolution of its philosophy principles, including the principles of Naprapathic Chartology and information on the founder of Naprapathy, Dr. Oakley Smith, and an introduction to the ethical principles of Naprapathic treatments.

ANATOMY, with a minimum of 270 hours, that studies the muscular and skeletal systems and bony landmark trails of the shoulder, arm, hand, pelvis, thigh, leg, and foot. The course must provide instructions on using this anatomical knowledge to assess patients as a Naprapath.

PHYSIOLOGY, with a minimum of 270 hours which studies cells, tissues, membranes, and the integumentary system. In relation to manual medicine, students study frameworks of movement, communication, control, circulation, body defense, metabolic processes, elimination, and reproduction.

CONNECTIVE TISSUE DYNAMICS, with a minimum of 270 hours which integrates the basic science of connective tissues with the Naprapathic approach to soft tissue evaluation.

- a. This course must include lectures and a laboratory component that gives the student experience in palpation of the physiological states of various types of connective tissues.
- b. This course must include lectures and laboratory practice that provides in-depth experience of connective tissue: loose, dense, etc. and the formation of scar tissue adhesions, nerve entrapments, pain syndromes and various other soft tissue disorders that are studied experientially.
- c. This course must include an introduction to the treatment of soft tissue disorders in the upper and lower body.

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which includes the structure and formation of technical terms used in Naprapathy as well as in the health sciences, based on roots and elements from Greek and Latin.

INFORMATION LITERACY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that develops the information literacy skills needed to utilize an evidence-based approach to a student's practice and studies. The course topics must include the use of library resources, identification of non-library resources, an introduction to scholarly writing and academic integrity/ethics.

SPINAL ANATOMY with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction and includes a comprehensive study of the anatomical structures and functional dynamics of the spine and the associated structures both intrinsic and extrinsic, as well as Naprapathic connective tissue terminology. This course must include the

identification and usage of the charting system for recording the Naprapathic examination and treatment plan.

HISTOLOGY-GENETICS-EMBRYOLOGY with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction and must include the microscopic study of tissues and how they form organs and organ systems. This course must include study in the structural and functional characteristics of embryological development, with emphasis on the first trimester of pregnancy, and explore the principles of genetics to understand the anomalies and their effects on individuals.

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE FOR THE NAPRAPATHIC PROFESSIONAL with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction and sets the foundation for students to become evidence informed providers of health care through problem synthesis, hypothesis generation, reflective practice and decision making. This course must introduce students to analysis of evidence and research design.

BIOCHEMISTRY I with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must address the structures and functions of proteins and enzymes such as amino acids and peptides; the metabolism of carbohydrates and lipids, the respiratory chain, oxidative phosphorylation, citric acid cycle, glycolysis, ketogenesis and the synthesis of cholesterol. It must also include the biosynthesis of essential and non-essential amino acids and the catabolism of amino acids.

BIOCHEMISTRY II with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which reviews the structure, function and replication of macromolecules: extracellular and intracellular communication, actions of the pituitary, hypothalamus, thyroid, adrenal cortex, adrenal medulla, gonads and pancreas. This course must also cover nutrition, metabolism of xenobiotics, cancer, and the genetic basis of the disease.

PRINCIPLES OF REHABILITATION with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which provides an overview addressing the problem of de-conditioning that accompanies most persistent pain syndromes and disuse atrophy. Students must be taught the art of blending passive and active care of the patient, evaluation of deficits in activities of daily living, functional restoration or accommodation, and the need for patient education in the management of exercise, joint protection, and environmental and intrinsic stressors.

SCHOLARLY DESIGN AND REVIEW with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which focuses on the skills necessary to develop scholarly writing and reasoning related to research planning and design. This course must build upon the outcomes of Evidence Based Practice for Naprapaths. This course must include a student's evaluation of practice focused research, development of the framework for a scholarly project or study and begin to integrate analysis of research into a literature review.

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY and BIOMECHANICS with a minimum of 90 hours that is a specific approach for understanding the various control systems that integrate the function between the nervous and endocrine systems at rest and as they adapt to the various stresses. This course must address the fundamental physiological principles presented in a biomechanical context with an emphasis on the laws governing force vectors and their effects in acquiring appropriate axial and appendicular skeleton joint mobility and range of motion.

KINESIOLOGY with a minimum of 90 hours that is an interdisciplinary study stressing principles of human biomechanics. This course must include an analysis of the interactions of the bone, joint, muscle and nerve morphophysiology as they affect the mechanisms of human movement, in order to provide a basis upon which to differentiate normal from pathophysiologically altered motion.

NAPRAPATHIC TECHNIQUE with a minimum of 90 hours that must include Instruction and demonstration in the use of the hands and body to apply manipulative pressure to specific areas of an individual's body should a condition exist that prevents normal functioning. Topics must include contact points, palpation techniques, and application of specific Naprapathic techniques to the thoracic and Lumbo-sacral areas. Students will be required to observe treatments being given in a naprapathic clinic or practice by licensed naprapaths, including but not limited, to a private practice or clinic in an educational setting.

NAPRAPATHIC CLINICAL EVALUATION I with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that must include a discussion of Naprapathically ascertained syndromes of vertebral and extravertebral articulations, a generalized evaluation of particular types of soft and osseous tissue disorders known to exist, and the discussion of a specific treatment for each type of involvement. Emphasis must be placed on the pelvic region. Students must begin proficiency in the use of signs, symbols, charts and definitions commonly used by Naprapaths to record specific physical findings in the evaluation of pelvic and sacral disorders. Students will be required to observe treatments being given in a naprapathic clinic or practice by licensed naprapaths, including but not limited, to a private practice or clinic in an educational setting.

SCHOLARLY IMPLEMENTATION AND DISSEMINATION, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that focuses on the development and implementation of data collection skills and the evaluation of the quality and equity of data related to research design and methodology.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the course curriculum must include, at a minimum, the following courses in the second or third year:

MICROBIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that is a fundamental approach focusing on select organisms and the diseases they cause. Topics may include classification and taxonomy, microbial genetics, infection, and resistance. Case studies relevant to Doctors of Naprapathy must be presented.

NEUROSCIENCE I with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that emphasizes the structure and function of the cerebellum, basal ganglia, cranial nerves, cerebral cortex, hypothalamus and special senses. Case studies relevant to specific neurological disorders must be presented.

NAPRAPATHIC TECHNIQUE II with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that emphasizes refining and correlating application of the Naprapathic Technique especially for the cervical and pelvic areas. Students must be introduced to the Nerve Function Principle from the historical document, Naprapathic Therapeutics.

NAPRAPATHIC CLINICAL EVALUATION II with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction emphasizes the thoracic and lumbar areas. This course must include hands on evaluation of the thoracic/lumbar spinal articulations to determine pathological syndromes, finishing with the performance of comprehensively charted thoracic/lumbar treatments.

APPLIED BIOMECHANICS with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction that must cover the laws of human movement. Students must study the structure and function of human joints in the thorax, vertebral column and extremities. Students are introduced to postural analysis and the evaluation of specific work environments for ergonomic risk factors and appropriate corrective measures.

NAPRAPATHIC RESEARCH PROJECT COMPONENTS with a minimum of 90 hours that must introduce the components of the Naprapathic Research Project: Abstract, Introduction, Problem Statement, Purpose of the Study, Research Question, Hypothesis, Literature Review, Methodology, Results, and Discussion.

NAPRAPATHIC CLINICAL EVALUATION III with a minimum of 90 hours that emphasizes the cervical region and an integrated analysis of individual syndromes in the context of the whole body, finishing with the performance of comprehensively charted cervical treatments.

THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE with a minimum of 90 hours that emphasizes integrating specific exercises into the treatment session and customizing home exercise to facilitate the attainment of treatment objectives and goals. This course must cover general fitness and preventive and maintenance exercises to enhance a patient's rehabilitation and prevent injury.

NEUROSCIENCE II, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must cover the basic organization and neurophysiology of the central nervous system. Topics must include anatomy of the brain stem, spinal cord, and blood circulation, cerebrospinal fluid dynamics, spinal nerve reflexes, descending and ascending pathways. Case studies specific to the function of the nervous system must be presented.

PATHOLOGY OF HUMAN DISEASES I, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is the first of two required courses that must cover the fundamental concepts of pathology, the integumentary system, musculoskeletal system, nervous system, circulatory system, lymph system, and immune system.

SCIENCE OF NUTRITION AND DIET I, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is a comprehensive study of the basic principles of nutrition; the processes of digestion, absorption, transport; and metabolism; and the role of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and vitamins.

NAPRAPATHIC RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL with a minimum of 120 hours which must require students to develop a three-chapter proposal utilizing a problem statement, literature review and methodology approach to a proposal.

PATHOLOGY OF HUMAN DISEASES II, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must include a study of the respiratory, digestive, endocrine, urinary, and reproductive systems in relation to CAM treatments for disorders related to those systems.

SCIENCE OF NUTRITION AND DIET II with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must incorporates the study of minerals; the impact of diet on health, eating disorders, nutritional needs through the lifespan, food safety, and global nutrition.

ACCESSORY TECHNIQUE I with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is an advanced integration of therapeutic modalities incorporated by Naprapaths over the decades of their clinical research and practice. Material the must be covered includes, but is not limited to: Trigger Point Therapy, Trigger Point tools, Myofascial Trigger Point Therapy, and therapeutic stretches. Additional topics may include, PNF, Cupping, and Gua Sha. This course must include a hands-on practicum to give students the opportunity to apply principles of spinal and extra-spinal manipulation.

CLINICAL ORTHOPEDIC AND NEUROLOGICAL EVALUATION with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is designed to prepare students to be able to properly administer and interpret orthopedic and neurological tests. The course must include making determinations of which orthopedic and neurological tests should be administered in different situations.

RADIOLOGICAL REPORT INTERPRETATION AND NORMAL RADIOGRAPHIC ANATOMY with a minimum of 90 hours which is an overview addressing normal skeletal radiology with an emphasis on radiological report interpretation and clinical case correlation. Special tests to be covered include primarily plain film x-ray and MRI, but also CT, Diagnostic Ultrasound, and DEXA exams. Student must be taught the interpretation of radiological reports to be able to make clinical decisions based on said reports and translate said reports to patients for their clinical benefit. Population studies must be discussed as well as the degree of certain radiological abnormalities and their relation to Naprapathic treatment.

NAPRAPATHIC RESEARCH PROJECTS with a minimum of 240 hours which must require a student to complete two Naprapathic Research Projects, under the supervision of a Naprapathic Research Project Committee. The course must cover learning to think independently when approaching connective tissue problems and developing a personal process for problem solving. The Naprapathic Research Project must include a culmination of theory synthesis, application of intervention, analysis of outcomes and dissemination. The Naprapathic Research Project must consist of two elements: A communication component where the student must present the Naprapathic Research Project orally or in poster format before the Naprapathic Research Project Committee.

STRESS AND THE BODY, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must examine what it is that makes psychological stress stressful, and its relevance to depression, anxiety and addiction and how Naprapaths use this knowledge to treat patients. Students are required to research different stress relief techniques, evaluate their effectiveness, and assess if and how they would recommend the techniques to patients.

CLINICAL PREPARATION, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must require students to research and practice Naprapathic Charting, Naprapathic evaluation, Naprapathic techniques and nutritional counseling. The course must prepare students for the proper creation of Naprapathic Case Records using One Touch. The course must also include standard clinical conduct and protocols. This course must be presented immediately prior to entrance into the year of Clinical internship.

MIND-BODY MEDICINE, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is a course on mind-body medicine and focuses on the interactions among the brain, the rest of the body, the mind, and behavior. The ways in which emotional, mental, social, spiritual, experiential, and behavioral factors can directly affect health. Students will be required to explore various medical models, including the holistic models. Students will be required to evaluate the use of different models in different medical situations.

ACCESSORY TECHNIQUE II, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which presents advanced methods of joint and soft tissue examination including mastery of PRRT techniques, cervical spinal manipulation, techniques for upper and lower cervical tissues Naprapathic motion analysis, cervical and thoracic kinesiological tests and treatment, upper and lower thoracic rotations, lumbar and pelvic trend examination and treatment, lumbar primary pathologies, primary pelvic pathologies, acute pelvic rotations, iliopsoas and piriformis contractures, shoulder pathologies, knee pathologies, carpal tunnel and wrist pathologies. The course must include the use of various other physical modalities and tools, non-pharmaceutical and diet interventions. This course must include demonstrations and practical applications.

SPORTS AND EXERCISE INJURY ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is an overview of sport and exercise injury assessment, treatment protocols and various forms of rehabilitation.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the course curriculum must include, at a minimum, the following courses in the third or fourth year:

CLINICAL PROTOCOLS AND PUBLIC HEALTH, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction to familiarizes students with the day-to-day operations of a typical Naprapathic Clinic. Students are required to review and discuss the most current version of the Naprapathy Clinical Manual Medicine for the 21st Century on a weekly basis. Patient cases are consistently reviewed in a roundtable milieu with the instructor leading the discussion. This class is designed to present students with integrative protocols to develop a foundational understanding for treating connective tissue related disorders. These student-clinic-patient evaluations are based on signs and symptoms, utilizing orthopedic and neurological evaluation, Naprapathic manipulative therapy, nutrition, therapeutic modalities and therapeutic exercises. Students will be familiarized with the clinic monitoring computer program One Touch. Opportunities for community outreach and mentorship with experienced Naprapaths will be discussed, encouraged, and provided. Current clinic interns or recent graduates are scheduled to attend the class to discuss their clinic experiences and future professional plans or experiences.

CLINICAL PRACTICE 1 with a minimum of 150 hours which requires students in their first quarter of clinical internship pursuant to subsection 13 of Section 40, to be introduced to the day-to-day functions of the clinical setting while conducting exams and performing spinal markings on patients. The student intern clinician observes every patient treatment and checks interns spinal findings and treatment plan.

PROFESSIONAL SKILL PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT with a minimum of 30 hours which prepares Interns to assume a professional role. Students must be introduced to effective business and practice management including basic bookkeeping, budgeting, and taxes.

NAPRAPATHIC RESEARCH PROJECT with a minimum of 120 hours which requires students to develop a third Naprapathic Research Project, under the supervision of a Naprapathic Research Project Committee. Each Naprapathic student is required to successfully complete a total of three Naprapathic Research Projects. The Naprapathic Research Project must be a culmination of theory synthesis, application of intervention, analysis of outcomes and dissemination. The Naprapathic Research Project consists of two elements: A communication component where the student must present the Naprapathic Research Project orally or in poster format before a committee composed of three qualified members.

CLINICAL ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY I with a minimum of 90 hours which is an Adjunctive Therapy class that focuses on clinical nutrition protocols. Students will be introduced to a specific line of nutraceuticals that augment traditional Naprapathic therapies. These supplements will address internal and external patient soft tissue disorders. Included in the class are case reviews and discussions of specific patient challenges that are not being adequately addressed solely by soft tissue manipulation.

CLINCIAL PRACTICE II with a minimum of 150 hours which must occur during the student's clinical internship. Students are required to take on more responsibilities in the clinical setting. In addition to basic treatments with spinal markings, students may begin using modalities with patients. The intern

instructor observes the intern six times on returning patients and checks interns spinal findings and treatment plan for all new patients.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT II with a minimum of 30 hours which is designed to prepare Interns to assume a professional role. Students will practice principles of effective marketing, including identifying a target market, conducting a comparative analysis, cost of patient acquisition and creating a marketing plan.

NAPRAPATHIC RESEARCH PROJECT DISSEMINATION, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which must provide an opportunity for a student to create a channel for distribution and dissemination of the Naprapathic Research Project. This will include a written publishable paper and an oral presentation of the project to a committee.

CLINICAL ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY II with a minimum of 90 hours which is an Adjunctive Therapy class that continues the focus on clinical nutrition protocols. Students will continue to research a specific line of nutraceuticals that augment traditional Naprapathic therapies. These supplements will address internal and external patient soft tissue disorders. The course must include case reviews and discussions of specific patient challenges that are not being adequately addressed solely by soft tissue manipulation. This Adjunctive Therapy class will also emphasize macro-stretching techniques, more specifically Thai bodywork. This class will focus on techniques for supine, prone, and side lying (pregnancy) positions.

CLINICAL PRACTICE III which is a minimum of 150 hours which must be conducted during clinical internship. Students will be given more responsibilities in the clinical setting. In addition to basic treatments with spinal markings, students continue using modalities with patients. The intern instructor observes the intern four times on returning patients and checks interns spinal findings and treatment plan for all new patients.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT III with a minimum of 30 hours which is designed to prepare Interns to assume a professional role. Students will create a business plan, assess staff hiring and onboarding processes, and review basic human resources functions required for a small business.

CLINICAL ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY III, with a minimum of 90 hours of instruction which is Adjunctive Therapy, taught during the Clinical internship, and incorporates the use of tools such as the Electro Stim and Ultrasound. The clinical application of these therapies does not supplant, but rather complement the Oakley Smith Naprapathic Method of treatment. Other topics include first aid, mental health of patients, treating special care populations, treating the LGBTQ population, ethical issues, CPR, as well as the basics of CAQH Credentialing and Insurance Contracting and Billing.

CLINICAL PRACTICE IV with a minimum of 150 hours which is completed at the end of clinical internship. Students are given more responsibilities in the clinical setting. In addition to basic treatments with spinal markings, students continue using modalities with patients. The intern instructor observes the intern two times on returning patients and checks interns spinal findings and treatment plan for all new patients.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT IV with a minimum of 30 hours which must be designed to prepare Interns to assume a professional role. In this culminating class, students will be walked through the process to register a business, obtain malpractice insurance, register for the National Board of Naprapathic Examiners exam, and apply for a license with the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

- 4. Curriculum courses may be combined or split up into several courses depending on the structure of the program over a three-to-five-year timeframe, so long as all of the provisions of this section are met.
- 5. The Division, in consultation with the Naprapathic Practice Advisory Board, may approve additional course curriculum.

### **Program Policies and Procedures**

#### Sec.43. Grades

- 1. The program must have a policy and procedure in place for determining a student's cumulative grade point average.
- 2. The following grading scale shall be utilized by the program, a letter grade of A is achieved with a percentage score of 90% to 100% and is equivalent to a grade point of 4.0, a letter grade of B is achieved with a percentage score of 80 to 89% and is equivalent to a grade point of 3.0, a letter grade of C is achieved with a percentage score of 70 to 79% and is equivalent to a grade point of 2.0, a letter grade of a D is achieved with a percentage score of 60% to 69% which is equivalent to a grade point of 1.0 and a letter grade of F is achieved with a percentage score of 0% to 59% with a grade point of 0.0.

### Sec.44. Drug-Free Environment Requirement

The program must develop policies and procedures related to a drug-free environment in accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

### Sec.45. An Appeal policy and procedure for a student who has been academically dismissed

The program must establish a policy and procedure that allows a student who has been academically dismissed to appeal the decision.

### Sec.46. Absences, Tardiness, Leaving early

- 1. The program must establish policies and procedure related to absences, tardiness and leaving early, including, but not limited to, students that do not achieve satisfactory attendance, a make-up policy, military duty, jury duty, leave due to illness and any other leave as determined by the program. The policy must establish a requirement that students must attend at least 80 percent of the scheduled time for each course in order to achieve satisfactory attendance.
  - a. For all courses, including the clinical internship pursuant to subsection 13 of Section 40, so long as a student is in compliance with the program's absence, tardiness and make-up policy, the student is deemed to have met that requirement so long as at least 80 percent of the scheduled time for each course is achieved.
- 2. Students who miss fourteen consecutive days of classes, without having made prior arrangements with the program, must be automatically withdrawn from the program.

### **Sec.47. Graduation Requirements**

In order to graduate, a student must have earned a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, must have successfully completed all the courses in accordance with Section 42, and must have successfully completed the clinical internship pursuant to subsection 13 of Section 40.

#### Sec.48. Student Discipline

The program must have a policy and procedure for disciplinary probation for excessive absences or tardiness, unacceptable conduct, violation of the program's policies and procedures and drug or alcohol use.

#### Sec.49. Retention of Student Records

- 1. Paper copies of student records must be maintained by the program for a minimum of five years.
- 2. Electronic records, including student transcripts, must be retained indefinitely.

### Sec.50. Posting of Approved Programs on Division's Website

The Division shall maintain a list of approved programs of education in naprapathy on the Division's website.

### Sec.51. Naprapathic Practice Advisory Board

While engaged in the business of the Advisory Board, each member of the Advisory Board may request a per diem allowance and reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the most recent version of the Nevada **State Administrative Manual.** (AB 153, Sec 1.2)

### Sec.52. Request for documents from applicant or licensee

The Division may request any documents from an applicant for a license or the holder of a license that the Division determines are necessary to carry out the duties prescribed in this Chapter or AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023), inclusive.

Amendment to existing Nevada regulation to give licensed naprapaths the authority to order medical x-rays. (Does not include radioactive materials (i.e., nuclear medicine studies or treatments)

Sec.56. NAC 459.554 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. Except for patients who cannot be moved out of the room, only the staff and ancillary personnel required for the medical procedure or training may be in the room during the radiographic exposure. Other than the patient being examined:
- (a) All persons must be positioned so that no part of the body which is not protected by 0.5 mm lead equivalent will be struck by the useful beam.
- (b) Staff and ancillary personnel must be protected from the direct scatter radiation by protective aprons or whole body protective barriers of not less than 0.25 mm lead equivalent.
- (c) A patient who cannot be removed from the room must be protected from the direct scatter radiation by a whole body protective barrier of 0.25 mm lead equivalent or be so positioned that the nearest portion of the body is at least 2 meters from both the tube head and the nearest edge of the image receptor.
- (d) When a portion of the body of any member of the staff or ancillary personnel is potentially subjected to stray radiation which could result in his or her receiving 10 percent of the maximum permissible dose, as defined in <u>NAC 459.320</u> to <u>459.374</u>, inclusive, additional protective devices must be employed.
- 2. Persons must not be exposed to the useful beam except for the purposes of the healing arts where each exposure has been authorized by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts. This provision specifically prohibits deliberate exposure for the following purposes:
- (a) Exposure of a person for training, demonstration or other purposes unless there are also healing arts requirements and proper prescription has been provided.

- (b) Exposure of a person for the purpose of healing arts screening without prior written approval of the Division. Screening means an exposure of a person without a prior examination by a licensed practitioner.
- 3. When a patient or film must be provided with auxiliary support during a radiation exposure:
- (a) Mechanical holding devices must be used when the technique permits. The safety rules, required by NAC 459.552 to 459.558, inclusive, must include individual protections where holding devices cannot be utilized;
- (b) Written safety procedures required by subsection 6 of NAC 459.552 must indicate the requirements for selecting a holder and include the procedure the holder must follow;
  - (c) The human holder must be protected as required by subsection 1;
  - (d) No person may be used routinely to hold film or patients;
- (e) In those cases where the patient must hold the film, except during intraoral examinations, any portion of the body other than the area of clinical interest struck by the useful beam must be protected by not less than 0.5 mm lead equivalent material; and
  - (f) Such holding is permitted only in very unusual and rare situations.
- 4. As used in this section, "licensed practitioner of the healing arts" means a *naprapath*, physician, homeopathic physician, osteopathic physician, licensed veterinarian, dentist, chiropractic physician, practitioner of Oriental medicine or podiatric physician, as those terms are defined or used, respectively, in *AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023)*, NRS 630.014, 630A.050, 633.091 or 638.007 or chapter 631, 634, 634A or 635 of NRS.

## Amendment to existing Nevada regulation to give licensed naprapaths the authority to order medical laboratory tests.

**Sec.57.** NAC 652.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 652.071, the provisions of this chapter:
- (a) Apply to:
- (1) A laboratory which is licensed pursuant to  $\underline{\text{NRS } 652.080}$  and which provides services to the public; and
  - (2) A nonexempt laboratory which is registered pursuant to NAC 652.175; and
  - (b) Do not apply to:
    - (1) An exempt laboratory which:
      - (I) Is licensed pursuant to chapter 652 of NRS; and
      - (II) Pays the applicable fees required by NAC 652.488;
    - (2) An HIV testing laboratory which:
      - (I) Is licensed pursuant to chapter 652 of NRS; and
      - (II) Pays the applicable fees required by NAC 652.488; or
    - (3) A laboratory which is registered as exempt pursuant to NAC 652.175.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person who is employed by a laboratory that is licensed by or registered with the Division pursuant to <u>chapter 652</u> of NRS may perform a test without complying with the provisions of this chapter if:
  - (a) The test has been classified as a waived test pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Part 493, Subpart A; and
- (b) The director, a designee of the director or a licensed physician at the laboratory at which the test is performed:
  - (1) Verifies that the person is competent to perform the test;
- (2) Ensures that the test is performed in accordance with instructions of the manufacturer of the test; and
- (3) Validates and verifies the manner in which the test is performed by using controls which ensure that the results of the test will be accurate and reliable.

- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the provisions of subsection 2 do not relieve a person who performs a test from the requirement to:
- (a) Comply with the policies and procedures that the director of the laboratory at which the test is performed has established pursuant to NAC 652.280;
- (b) Comply with the laboratory safety guidelines adopted by the laboratory pursuant to <u>NAC 652.291</u>; or
- (c) Obtain certification pursuant to  $\underline{NAC~652.470}$  and pay the applicable fees as set forth in  $\underline{NAC~652.488}$ .
- 4. An advanced practice registered nurse as defined in NRS 632.012 or a physician assistant as defined in NRS 630.015 who is employed by a laboratory that is licensed by or registered with the Division pursuant to chapter 652 of NRS and who has not received certification pursuant to NAC 652.470 may perform a test without complying with the provisions of this chapter if the test:
  - (a) Has been classified as a waived test pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Part 493, Subpart A; or
  - (b) Is a provider-performed microscopy procedure categorized pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 493.19.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may perform a test for the detection of the human immunodeficiency virus that is classified as a waived test pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Part 493, Subpart A, without complying with the provisions of this chapter if he or she complies with NRS 652.186. This subsection does not apply to a person who holds a license or certification issued pursuant to this chapter or a license or certification described in NRS 652.210.
  - 6. As used in this section, "licensed physician" includes:
  - (a) A physician licensed as a doctor of medicine pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS;
  - (b) A physician licensed as a doctor of osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS;
  - (c) A chiropractic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 634 of NRS; and
  - (d) A podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter 635 of NRS-; and

(e) A naprapath licensed pursuant to this Chapter and AB 153 of the 82nd legislative session (2023).