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The NRS/NAC/Manual Committee (“Committee”) provides the following recommendations to assist the Board in fulfilling its legislative mandate, including new language, additions and deletions “relating to alternative and complementary integrative medicine, including, without limitation, homeopathic medicine.” The Committee has reviewed several chapters of the NRS, including NRS 630A, Arizona Statutes, and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM),¹ a division within the National Institutes of Health NIH).

Board members must keep in mind the Legislative mandate added to chapter 630A.155 of NRS in 2005.² During each Legislative Session since 2005, the Board has been required to:

“5. Submit an annual report to the Legislature and *make recommendations* to the Legislature *concerning the enactment of legislation relating to alternative and complementary integrative medicine, including, without limitation, homeopathic medicine.*” (Emphasis added)

The intent of the mandate is for the Board to make recommendations “*without limitation*,” taking into consideration all Complementary and Alternative Medicine (“CAM”) therapies identified by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM).³ Some of these, such as herbal medicine, massage therapy and chiropractic are currently being regulated by chapters of NRS.

According to NCCAM, “Complementary medicine” means to use CAM **together with** conventional medicine, such as using acupuncture in addition to usual care to help lessen pain. Most use of CAM by Americans is complementary. ‘*Alternative medicine*’ refers to use of CAM **in place of** conventional medicine. ‘*Integrative medicine*’ (also called *integrated medicine*) refers to a practice that **combines both conventional and CAM treatments** for which there is evidence of safety and effectiveness.”⁴ (Emphasis added)

In the United States, Canada and Europe, *alternative* medicine is defined as “. . . *any healing practice that does not fall within the realm of conventional allopathic medicine.*”⁵ Alternative medicine encompasses therapies supported by the science of quantum chaos physics, whereas conventional allopathic medicine is supported by the science of mechanical physics. *Integrative medicine* is defined as “. . . *a multidisciplinary, holistic approach to medicine that combines conventional treatments with alternative therapies* such as homeopathy or naturopathy.”⁶ (Emphasis added)

The NCCAM also states, “The boundaries between CAM and conventional medicine are not absolute, . . .”⁷ Specific CAM practices, including the term, “**integrative medicine**,” are becoming more widely accepted.

The World Health Organization states, “In some countries, *the legal standing of complementary/alternative medicine is equivalent to that of allopathic medicine*, many practitioners are certified in both complementary/alternative medicine and allopathic medicine, and the primary care provider for many patients is a complementary/alternative practitioner.”⁸ (Emphasis added)

¹ <http://NCCAM.nih.gov/>

² <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Statutes/73rd/Stats200525.html#Stats200525page2526>

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Center_for_Complementary_and_Alternative_Medicine

⁴ <http://NCCAM.nih.gov/health/whatisIM/>

⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alternative_medicine

⁶ <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/integrative>

⁷ <http://NCCAM.nih.gov/health/whatisIM/#definingIM>

⁸ <http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/d/Jh2943e/3.html#Jh2943e.3.1>

The NCCAM lists as systems of CAM: “homeopathy, electromagnetic therapy, acupuncture, ayurveda, biofeedback, chiropractic medicine, herbalism, hypnosis, kinesiology, meditation, naturopathy, nutrition, qigong, traditional Chinese medicine, Reiki, therapeutic touch, healing touch, and yoga.”⁹

Although NCCAM uses the letters “CAM” when referring to complementary alternative medicine, the Committee recommends the name of the Board be changed to **Nevada Integrated Medical Board (NIMB)** to reflect the Board’s intent to be proactive in cooperating with all systems of health care, providing Nevada citizens and visitors with freedom of health care. We believe better health with greatly reduced costs will be the result.

During its August 5, 2010 meeting, the NRS/NAC 630A/Manual Committee discussed and approved changes in chapter 630A of NRS. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2010, giving Committee members time to study the changes recommended in the August 5th meeting.

Following the August 20th meeting, the Committee will present to the Board its findings and recommendations. The Board must submit to the Legislature deletions, additions and new language for legislative action during the 76th Legislative Session, 2011. The Committee has thoroughly researched the subject matter, completed its assignment, and sincerely hopes the Board will accept its recommendations.

The terms “*integrated Medical Board,*” “*integrated physician,*” “*integrated practitioner,*” and “*integrated assistant*” is new language added, replacing the terms, “~~Homeopathic Medical Board,~~” “~~alternative physician,~~” and “~~alternative practitioner~~” which has been deleted throughout chapter 630A of NRS. Homeopathic Medicine is defined by NCCAM as a system within Integrated Medicine (“*IM*”). “Homeopathic medicine” is defined in a section within the proposed legislation. The term, “*holistic*” is defined and added in sections where appropriate.

The intent of the Legislature is to encourage all who practice systems of *IM* listed in chapter 630A of NRS to be licensed or certified and, if not qualified, receive training from colleges, universities, or in an educational program approved by the Board and be licensed or certified to safely practice integrated medicine.

Existing law provides for the practice and regulation of health insurance. (Chapters 689A, 689B, 689C, 695A, 695B, 695C and 695G of NRS) **Sections 5-7** of this bill state that an insurance provider shall, to the greatest extent practicable, use a new type of bill coding system related to integrated medicine and adhere to certain requirements relating to reimbursement for health care services.

Section 8 requires certain managed care organizations to meet specified requirements relating to contracting with integrated physicians.

Existing law provides for health savings accounts. (NRS 689A.419, 689B.285, 689C.143, 695A.235, 695B.319, 695C.201, 695G.095) **Section 10** of this bill provides a statement of legislative intent regarding the encouragement, support and offering to establish health savings accounts. It also states the State shall protect the rights of persons to obtain freely any health care services not prohibited by law.

Existing law provides for the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Insurance. (NRS 232.825) **Section 11** prohibits the Commissioner from adopting rules or regulations restricting the public’s right to choose any form of health care not prohibited under Nevada law.

Existing law provides for the practice and regulation of homeopathic medicine. (Chapter 630A of NRS) **Section 12** provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, an integrated screening practice may be created pursuant to that section.

⁹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Center_for_Complementary_and_Alternative_Medicine

Sections 13 and 14 affirm Board approval of full prescription rights for integrated physicians and prescription rights for integrated practitioners, provided licensees have received training in diagnosing, prescribing and dispensing pharmaceuticals.

Section 19 has been deleted. The definition of “Homeopathic medicine” or “homeopathy” is found in **Section 3 (2)(h)**.

Section 23 has been deleted. The **Board** will approve the required protocols and regulate the practices of integrated practitioners, eliminating the need to define the term, “supervising physician.”

Section 25 NRS 630A.090 paragraph 1(e) is new language allowing Nevada resorts, hotels, casinos, spas, and institutions of higher learning, as well as licensed massage therapists and nationally certified athletic trainers, to provide AquaStretch services to promote tourism to Nevada for this innovative wellness modality and to encourage its use for health care cost savings. NRS 630A.090, paragraph 4 has been deleted. NCCAM defines IM as a system of medicine that combines alternative medicine with conventional medicine in some therapies, such as those currently listed in chapter 630A.040 paragraph 2 of NRS.

Section 26 NRS 630A.110, Language is added in paragraph 2 for a licensed integrated practitioner to be appointed to the Board. The language in paragraph 3 mirrors the same language as chapter 630.060 of NRS, paragraph 2. The term in paragraph 5, “Healing art,” has been deleted, and is new language in **Section 3**, paragraph 1.

Section 28 NRS 630A.220, paragraph 3 is new language added making it illegal for an unlicensed person to practice as an integrated physician or practitioner, or use letters or words reserved for identifying an integrated physician or practitioner.

Section 29 NRS 630A.225, in paragraph 5 through paragraph 8 new language has been added that will enable a physician to be eligible for licensure once his problems have been resolved with other professional boards or legal authorities. This language is also found in Arizona Revised Statute 32-2912 under “Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners.”

Section 30 NRS 630A.230, deletions, additions and new language are in place, granting the IM Board authority to evaluate types of postgraduate training necessary and the length of time required of applicants who have graduated from medical and osteopathic schools. The postgraduate training must be satisfactory to the Board.¹⁰ The Board will have access to a broad range of therapies available for applicants for NRS 630A licensure. Some postgraduate training programs integrate allopathic and osteopathic medicine with IM therapies and systems.

Section 35 NRS 630A.270, paragraph 1 has deletions, additions and new language allowing the Board to have discretion as to the type and length of postgraduate training required of an applicant who is a graduate of a foreign medical school. The Board will specify by regulation the examination requirements a graduate of a foreign medical school must pass before applying for licensure..

Sections 38 NRS 630A.293 and **39** NRS 630A.295 contain deletions, additions, and new language placing the licensing procedures and regulation of integrated practitioners under the Board, eliminating the requirement for supervising integrated physicians to regulate integrated practitioners. Paragraph 4 in **Section 38** provides the Board with authority to assign an integrated physician or integrated practitioner to supervise an integrated practitioner when necessary.

Sections 40 NRS 630A.297 and **41** NRS 630A.299 contain deletions, additions, and new language allowing certified integrated assistants to practice and be supervised by integrated physicians and integrated practitioners

¹⁰ Of the 69 states, districts, territories or possession of the United States, *only 1 state (NEVADA) requires 3 years postgraduate training*, 13 require 2 years postgraduate training, and 55 require 1 year or less.

Section 43 NRS 320 The International Medical Education Directory (IMED), or its equivalent, collaborates with the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER). IMED “. . . provides an accurate and up-to-date resource of information about international medical schools that are recognized by the appropriate government agency in the countries where the medical schools are located.”¹¹ In paragraph 2 the board has the authority to require the applicant for a limited license to provide evidence he has passed the ECFMG.

Section 44 NRS 630A.325 changes the time allowed before there is a penalty for failure to pay the annual renewal fees for license and certification, removing the “60 days” allowed past the due date. All renewal fees will be due annually with no “grace time.”

Section 48 NRS 630A.360 has new language that includes licensed integrated practitioners.

Section 1. Chapter 630A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows: *The Legislature of the State of Nevada hereby:*

- 1. Declares this State to be a freedom of choice of health state.*
- 2. Affirms it is among the responsibilities of State Government to ensure, as far as possible, that only competent persons practice alternative and complementary integrative medicine, including homeopathic medicine, within this State.*
- 3. Delegates to the Board of Integrated Medical Examiners for the protection and benefit of the public the power and duty to determine the initial and continuing competence of alternative and complementary integrative medicine physicians, practitioners, and assistants who are subject to the provisions of this chapter.*
- 4. Affirms the powers conferred upon the Board by this chapter must be liberally construed to carry out these purposes for the protection and benefit of the public.*

Sec. 2. NRS 630A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NRS 630A.015](#) to [630A.075](#), inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3 Chapter 630A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows: *“Integrated medicine” means alternative and complementary systems of healing art and holistic therapies including, without limitation, homeopathy, modalities, diagnostics, treatments, procedures and protocols used to relieve suffering and enhance healing in humans. The boundaries between integrated medicine and conventional medicine are recognized as being equivalent.*

1. “Healing art” means any holistic system, treatment, operation, diagnosis, prescription or practice for the ascertainment, cure, relief, palliation, adjustment or correction of any human disease, ailment, deformity, injury, or unhealthy or abnormal physical or mental condition.

2. The term “holistic therapies” includes without limitation, applied kinesiology, aquastretch, aromatherapy, biofermentics, bio-oxidative therapy, cell therapy, colon therapy, cranio-sacral therapy, dietary supplements, electrodiagnosis, environmental therapy, healing touch, herbal therapy, homeopathy, lifestyle modification, naturopathy, neural therapy, neuromuscular integration, nutrition, orthomolecular therapy, peptides, pharmaceutical medicines, Reiki, Therapeutic Touch, wellness programs, Xenobiotics, and other therapeutic equivalents. As used in this section:

(a) “Applied kinesiology” means a method for identifying nutritional, energetic or other factors that may affect the functions of the body of a person by measuring muscle strength and endurance.

(b) “Aquastretch” means a method of personal or assisted exercise used as a form of aquatic or non-aquatic therapy which enables stretching of the body to encourage dynamic intuitive movement, usually in various depths of water and with various weights attached to the body, to increase systemic flexibility and improve vascular, nerve and muscular functions by manipulation of the soft tissues of the body to

¹¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Medical_Education_Directory

balance the body, including, without limitation aquastretch exercising or any other form of aquatic therapy.

(c) "Aromatherapy" is a multifaceted healing art which uses the essential oils of aromatic plants and trees to promote health of body and serenity of mind.

(d) "Biofermentics" means any fermentational process, the results of which have a physiological effect.

(e) "Bio-oxidative therapy" means the use of oxygen in its various forms and substances to promote healing at the cellular level.

(f) "Cell therapy" means the use of an intact cell or any of its contents to treat an illness or strengthen human cells, tissues, and organs.

(g) "Colon therapy" encompasses a number of alternative medical therapies intended to remove feces and nonspecific toxins from the colon and intestinal tract.

(h) "Cranio-sacral therapy" means the manipulation of muscles, ligaments, fascia or other connective tissues, and any anatomical structures relating to those tissues, to improve the function of cranial nerves and systemic neurological dynamics.

(i) "Dietary supplements" means products that contain dietary ingredients intended to supplement the diet. The dietary ingredients in these products may include, but are not limited to: vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanicals, amino acids, and substances such as enzymes, organ tissues, glandulars, and metabolites.

(j) "Electrodiagnosis" means the use of a device for electrodermal testing to measure the resistance of skin at acupuncture points to:

(1) Assist in evaluating and treating a patient; and

(2) Assist in the selection and use of homeopathic medicines, nutraceutical medicines, natural supplements or other forms of therapy.

(k) "Environmental therapy" is the diagnosis and treatment of conditions caused by environmental factors.

(l) "Healing touch" means the application of a gentle touch that assists in balancing physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being using the body's energy fields.

(m) "Herbal therapy" means to prescribe and use plants and extracts of plants, or any combination thereof, to:

(1) Treat an ailment or disease of the mind, emotions or body;

(2) Cure or relieve any wound, bodily injury, deformity or malfunction of the body; or

(3) Restore balance and homeostasis.

(n) "Homeopathic medicine" or "homeopathy" means a system that uses dilutional medicines in accordance with the principle that a substance which produces symptoms in a healthy person can eliminate those symptoms in an ill person, including, without limitation:

(1) Nosodes and sarcodes, which are given in microdosage, except that sarcodes may be given in macrodosage;

(2) Homeopathic remedies prepared according to homeopathic pharmacology by which the formulation of homeopathic preparations is accomplished by methods of dilution and succussion, including, without limitation, Hahnemannian and Korsakovian dilution and succussion;

(3) Homeopathic remedies prepared from magnetically energized geometric patterns; and

(4) Imprinting or transferring the vital force or energetic essence from a substance into another substance through electromagnetic means and utilized as a therapeutic substance.

(o) "Lifestyle modification" means counseling to achieve homeostasis through the use of lifestyle factors, including, without limitation, faith, fresh air, sunlight, water, rest, good nutrition, exercise, temperance, discipline, positive attitude, humor, touch and fulfilling relationships.

(p) "Magnetic therapy" means the use of magnetic and electromagnetic fields to treat the human body.

(q) "Naturopathy" means a system of therapy and treatment that relies on natural remedies, including, without limitation, integrated medicine and holistic therapies approved by the Board, sunlight, air and water, supplemented with counseling, diet and massage, colon hydrotherapy and any other therapy to promote and enhance health and wellness.

(r) "Neural therapy" means the use of an electronic device for testing and treatment or to inject vitamins, minerals, homeopathic medications, herbal extracts, enzymes, orthomolecular substances or any other medicinal or pharmaceutical preparations into:

(1) Any acupuncture, acupressure or trigger points of the body;

- (2) *The ganglia of the body; or*
- (3) *Any subcutaneous tissue, intra-cutaneous tissue, intra-articular tissue or periosteal tissue.*
- (s) *“Neuromuscular integration” means the progressive harmonization of the endocrine system, immune system, autonomic nervous system, skeletal system and smooth muscle system of a patient with the cognitive and noncognitive faculties of the patient by using:*
- (1) *Manipulation of the soft tissues of the body to balance the body, including without limitation cranio-sacral manipulation;*
- (2) *Aquastretch exercising or any other form of aquatic therapy; and*
- (3) *Thought field therapy, a technique that uses the energy meridians of the body used in acupuncture and acupressure to treat abnormal patterns of thought that cause emotional and psychophysiological distress to recondition the endocrine system, immune system, autonomic nervous system and central nervous system.*
- (t) *“Noble metal therapy” means the use of non-reactive, inert metals that are resistant to oxidation and includes gold, silver and copper*
- (u) *“Nutrition” includes, without limitation, applied kinesiology or any other modality or method used for the recognition, evaluation, treatment and correction of the unique dietary needs of a patient.*
- (v) *“Orthomolecular therapy” includes:*
- (1) *The prescription of topical and oral supplements, pharmaceutical medicines and compounded pharmaceuticals, including without limitation, narcotic drugs or opiates that are listed as schedule II controlled substances pursuant to chapter 453 of NRS.*
- (2) *The intravenous infusion, intramuscular injection, subcutaneous injection and intradermal injection of nutrients, including, without limitation, vitamins, amino acids, minerals, enzymes, compounded pharmaceutical preparations which are compounded by a compounding pharmacy or standard manufacturing practices, homeopathic medications, organ preparations, ozone, hydrogen peroxide and chelating agents, to detoxify and remove harmful substances from the body, including, without limitation, heavy metals, the buildup of vascular and arterial plaque and toxic environmental factors, including, without limitation, pesticides, xenobiotics, bacteria and fungi.*
- (w) *“Peptides” means the use of biological molecules to affect cellular function for bioregenerative purposes.*
- (x) *“Qigong” means various Chinese systems of physical and mental training for health, martial arts and self-enlightenment.*
- (y) *“Reiki” means using a technique for transferring healing energy in the form of qi through the palms of the hands.*
- (z) *“Therapeutic touch” means non-contact therapeutic touch or distance healing through an energy therapy to promote healing and reduce pain and anxiety.*
- (aa) *“Therapeutic equivalents” means the use of nutraceuticals or any other non-legend agents or modalities of treatment that possess the same or greater efficacy as allopathic medications or conventional treatments.*
- (ab) *“Trigger point” means a hyperirritable spot within the skeletal muscle or the fascia of that muscle which, upon compression, causes pain, tenderness and autonomic nervous system phenomena.*
- (ac) *“Wellness programs” means comprehensive health programs designed to maintain a high level of well being through proper diet, exercises, stress management and illness prevention.*
- (ad) *“Xenobiotics” means chemical compounds that, under normal circumstances, are foreign to living organisms.*

Sec. 4 Chapter 630A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows: *1. An integrated physician, integrated practitioner, or an integrated assistant may associate with any other person in:*

- (a) *A business for managing the provision of integrated medicine or related services to patients; or*
- (b) *A business for providing medical diagnoses or medical treatment to patients receiving integrated medicine or related services.*

2. An integrated physician, integrated practitioner, or an integrated assistant who has an ownership interest in a business specified in subsection 1 that is separate from his practice shall provide notice of that interest to a patient before providing any integrated medicine or related services to the patient.

Sec. 5 Chapter 679A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 6 and 7 of this act.

Sec. 6. 1. *A provider of insurance shall, to the greatest extent practicable, use or authorize the use of ABC coding as a valid means for transacting the business of the provider of insurance, including, without limitation:*

(a) Establishing benefits for insurance, arrangements for managed care and filing claims for interventions that are not prohibited by this Code or any other law of this State;

(b) Documenting health care interventions used to treat Diagnosed ailments;

(c) Providing expanded descriptions of procedures for health care administered to a patient; and

(d) Communicating with any insurer or payor through billing for health care.

2. *As used in this section, “ABC Coding” means a system of coding that uses five-character alphabetic symbols to represent the practices, procedures and services provided by an integrated physician as defined in NRS 630A.050 or integrated practitioner as defined in NRS 630A.015.*

Sec. 7. 1. *In addition to any provision of this Code relating to the reimbursement or payment of a provider of health care, a provider of insurance shall reimburse a provider of health care for the services furnished by the provider of health care in accordance with the plan or policy applicable to the provider of health care.*

2. *As used in this section, “provider of health care” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.031.*

Sec. 8. Chapter 695G of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *A managed care organization that delivers health care services by using employed or independently contracted providers of health care shall use its best efforts to contract with at least one integrated physician or integrated practitioner to provide those services to insured persons within the scope of practice of the integrated physician or integrated practitioner if the integrated physician or integrated practitioner:*

(a) Meets all conditions imposed by the managed care organization on similarly situated providers of health care that are under contract with the managed care organization, including, without limitation:

(1) Certification for participation in the Medicaid or Medicare program, to the extent authorized pursuant to that program; and

(2) Requirements relating to the appropriate credentials for providers of health care; and

(b) Agrees to reasonable reimbursement rates that are generally consistent with those offered by the managed care organization to similarly situated providers of health care that are under contract with the managed care organization.

2. *As used in this section, “integrated physician” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 630A.050 and “integrated practitioner” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 630A.015.*

Sec. 9. Chapter 629 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 9 and 10 of this act.

Sec. 10. *The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:*

1. *notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State of Nevada shall protect the rights of persons to obtain freely any health care services not prohibited by law.*

2. *The State of Nevada encourages and supports health care savings accounts as a means of alleviating the demand for diminishing state resources, to alleviate the possible impoverishment of residents requiring long-term care, and to provide incentives for persons to protect themselves from financial hardship due to a long-term health care need.*

3. *Health care savings accounts may be offered as health benefit options to all employers and residents as incentives to reduce unnecessary health services utilization, administration, and paperwork and to encourage persons to be in charge of, and participate directly in, their use of health care services and health care spending.*

Sec. 11. *The Commissioner of Insurance is prohibited from adopting rules or regulations that restrict the public's right to choose any form of health care that is not prohibited under Nevada law.*

Sec. 12. Chapter 630A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

1. An integrated medical screening practice may be created and:

(a) Directed by any provider of health care, integrated physician or integrated practitioner and may be owned by any provider of health, integrated physician or integrated practitioner care; and

(b) May provide the services described in subsection 2.

2. An integrated medical screening practice may offer health care screening services that include, but are not limited to, screening services related to:

(a) Aquastretch;

(b) Aromatherapy;

(c) Biofeedback;

(d) Biofermentics;

(e) Body measurements and analysis of:

(i) Blood pressure;

(ii) Chi energy;

(iii) Fat analysis;

(iv) Height;

(v) Pulse;

(vi) Weight;

(f) Colon therapy;

(g) Dietary Supplements;

(h) Electrodermal testing;

(i) Electromagnetic therapy;

(j) Healing touch;

(k) Heart rate variability;

(l) Herbal therapies;

(m) Holistic therapies;

(n) Homeopathic medicines including, but not limited to, sarcodes, nosodes, and isodes;

(o) Lifestyle modification counseling;

(p) Massage;

(q) Magnetic therapy

(r) Naturopathic therapies;

(s) Neuromuscular integration;

(t) Noble metal therapy

(u) Nutraceuticals;

(v) Nutritional evaluation and counseling may include without limitation:

(1) Blood, urine, and body tissue for vitamins, minerals and amino acids, whether or not the analysis is performed by a laboratory;

(2) A functional intracellular analysis;

(3) A test of muscle strength and endurance using applied kinesiology; and

(4) The use of regular and dark-field microscopy.

(v) Oxygen inhalation therapies;

(w) Qigong;

(x) Reiki;

(y) Subsequent referrals to integrated physicians, complementary integrated practitioners, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, hospital emergency rooms or other community services;

(z) Therapeutic touch;

(aa) Various laboratory tests, including, without limitation, microscopic tests of blood, blood reactions, urine, or saliva; and

(ab) Wellness counseling.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Dark-field microscopy" means a method of microscopy in which an amount of light is excluded from an object under examination, thereby resulting in a dark or nearly dark field around a specimen.

(a) "Integrated practitioner" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 630A.015.

(b) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.031.

Sec. 13 *An integrated physician or integrated practitioner may prescribe in accordance with NRS 454.213 if the Board finds that the integrated physician or integrated practitioner has completed a program designed to prepare him to:*

- 1. Perform designated acts of diagnosis;*
- 2. Prescribe therapeutic or corrective measures; and*
- 3. Prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices, and who meets the requirements established by the Board for such licensure.*

Sec.14 NRS 454.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

454.213 A drug or medicine referred to in [NRS 454.181](#) to [454.371](#), inclusive, may be possessed and administered by:

1. A practitioner.
2. *An integrated physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630A of NRS.*
3. *An integrated practitioner licensed pursuant to chapter 630A of NRS.*
4. ~~{2-}~~ A physician assistant licensed pursuant to [chapter 630](#) or [633](#) of NRS, at the direction of his or her supervising physician or a licensed dental hygienist acting in the office of and under the supervision of a dentist.
5. ~~{3-}~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a registered nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed practical nurse, at the direction of a prescribing physician, physician assistant licensed pursuant to [chapter 630](#) or [633](#) of NRS, dentist, podiatric physician or advanced practitioner of nursing, or pursuant to a chart order, for administration to a patient at another location.
6. ~~{4-}~~ In accordance with applicable regulations of the Board, a registered nurse licensed to practice professional nursing or licensed practical nurse who is:
 - (a) Employed by a health care agency or health care facility that is authorized to provide emergency care, or to respond to the immediate needs of a patient, in the residence of the patient; and
 - (b) Acting under the direction of the medical director of that agency or facility who works in this State.
7. ~~{5-}~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced emergency medical technician, as authorized by regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy and in accordance with any applicable regulations of:
 - (a) The State Board of Health in a county whose population is less than 100,000;
 - (b) A county board of health in a county whose population is 100,000 or more; or
 - (c) A district board of health created pursuant to [NRS 439.362](#) or [439.370](#) in any county.
8. ~~{6-}~~ An intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced emergency medical technician who holds an endorsement issued pursuant to [NRS 450B.1975](#), under the direct supervision of a local health officer or a designee of the local health officer pursuant to that section.
9. ~~{7-}~~ A respiratory therapist employed in a health care facility. The therapist may possess and administer respiratory products only at the direction of a physician.
10. ~~{8-}~~ A dialysis technician, under the direction or supervision of a physician or registered nurse only if the drug or medicine is used for the process of renal dialysis.
11. ~~{9-}~~ A medical student or student nurse in the course of his or her studies at an approved college of medicine or school of professional or practical nursing, at the direction of a physician and:
 - (a) In the presence of a physician or a registered nurse; or
 - (b) Under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse if the student is authorized by the college or school to administer the drug or medicine outside the presence of a physician or nurse.

➤ A medical student or student nurse may administer a dangerous drug in the presence or under the supervision of a registered nurse alone only if the circumstances are such that the registered nurse would be authorized to administer it personally.
12. ~~{10-}~~ Any person designated by the head of a correctional institution.
13. ~~{11-}~~ An ultimate user or any person designated by the ultimate user pursuant to a written agreement.
14. ~~{12-}~~ A nuclear medicine technologist, at the direction of a physician and in accordance with any conditions established by regulation of the Board.
15. ~~{13-}~~ A radiologic technologist, at the direction of a physician and in accordance with any conditions established by regulation of the Board.
16. ~~{14-}~~ A chiropractic physician, but only if the drug or medicine is a topical drug used for cooling and stretching external tissue during therapeutic treatments.

17. ~~{15.}~~ A physical therapist, but only if the drug or medicine is a topical drug which is:

- (a) Used for cooling and stretching external tissue during therapeutic treatments; and
- (b) Prescribed by a licensed physician for:
 - (1) Iontophoresis; or
 - (2) The transmission of drugs through the skin using ultrasound.

18. ~~{16.}~~ In accordance with applicable regulations of the State Board of Health, an employee of a residential facility for groups, as defined in [NRS 449.017](#), pursuant to a written agreement entered into by the ultimate user.

19. ~~{17.}~~ A veterinary technician at the direction of his or her supervising veterinarian.

20. ~~{18.}~~ In accordance with applicable regulations of the Board, a registered pharmacist who:

- (a) Is trained in and certified to carry out standards and practices for immunization programs;
- (b) Is authorized to administer immunizations pursuant to written protocols from a physician; and
- (c) Administers immunizations in compliance with the “Standards of Immunization Practices” recommended and approved by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

21. ~~{19.}~~ A person who is enrolled in a training program to become a physician assistant licensed pursuant to [chapter 630](#) or [633](#) of NRS, dental hygienist, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, respiratory therapist, dialysis technician, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologic technologist, physical therapist or veterinary technician if the person possesses and administers the drug or medicine in the same manner and under the same conditions that apply, respectively, to a physician assistant licensed pursuant to [chapter 630](#) or [633](#) of NRS, dental hygienist, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, respiratory therapist, dialysis technician, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologic technologist, physical therapist or veterinary technician who may possess and administer the drug or medicine, and under the direct supervision of a person licensed or registered to perform the respective medical art or a supervisor of such a person.

Sec. 15 NRS 630A.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.015 “[~~Advanced~~] **integrated** practitioner [~~of homeopathy~~]” means a person who has:

1. Complied with all of the requirements set forth in this chapter and the regulations adopted by the Board for [~~advanced~~] **integrated** practitioner [~~of homeopathy~~]; and
2. Received from the Board a **license** [~~certificate~~] as an [~~advanced~~] **integrated** practitioner [~~of homeopathy~~].

Sec. 16 NRS 630A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.020 “Board” means the Board of **Integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] Medical Examiners.

Sec. 17 NRS 630A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.030 “Gross malpractice” means malpractice where the failure to exercise the requisite degree of care, diligence or skill consists of:

1. Ministering to a patient while the **integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] physician **or integrated practitioner** is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
2. Gross negligence
3. Willful disregard of **integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] medical procedures
4. Willful and consistent use of **integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] medical procedures, services or treatment considered by **integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] physicians in the community to be inappropriate or unnecessary in the cases where used.

Sec. 18 NRS 630A.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.035 “**Integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] **assistant**” means a person who is a graduate of an academic program approved by the Board or who, by general education, practical training and experience determined to be satisfactory by the Board, is qualified to perform **integrated medical** [~~homeopathic~~] services under the supervision of an [~~supervising~~] **integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] physician **or an integrated practitioner** and who has been issued a certificate as an **integrated** [~~homeopathic~~] **assistant** by the Board.

Sec. 19 NRS 630A.040 is hereby deleted:

630A.040 [~~“Homeopathic medicine” or “homeopathy” means a system of medicine employing substances of animal, vegetable, chemical or mineral origin, including:— 1. Nosodes and sarcodes, which are:~~

- ~~—(a) Given in micro dosage, except that sarcodes may be given in macro dosage;~~
~~—(b) Prepared according to homeopathic pharmacology by which the formulation of homeopathic preparations is accomplished by the methods of Hahnemannian dilution and succussion or magnetically energized geometric patterns applicable in potencies above 30X, as defined in the official *Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States*; and~~
~~—(c) Prescribed by homeopathic physicians or advanced practitioners of homeopathy according to the medicines and dosages in the *Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States*;~~
~~□ in accordance with the principle that a substance which produces symptoms in a healthy person can eliminate those symptoms in an ill person:~~
~~2. Noninvasive electrodiagnosis, cell therapy, neural therapy, herbal therapy, neuromuscular integration, orthomolecular therapy and nutrition.]~~

Sec. 20 NRS 630A.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.050 “**Integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physician” means a person who has:

1. Complied with all of the requirements set forth in this chapter and the regulations adopted by the Board for the practice of **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ medicine; and
2. Received from the Board a license to practice **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ medicine.

Sec. 21 NRS 630A.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.060 “Malpractice” means failure on the part of an **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physician to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physicians in good standing in the community in which he or she practices. As used in this section, “community” embraces the entire area customarily served by **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physicians among whom a patient may reasonably choose, not merely the particular area inhabited by the patients of that individual physician or the particular city or place where the **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physician has an office.

Sec. 22 NRS 630A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.070 “Professional incompetence” means lack of ability safely and skillfully to practice **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, or to practice one or more specified branches **or therapies** of **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, arising from:

1. Lack of knowledge or training.
2. Impaired physical or mental capability of the **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physician.
3. Indulgence in the use of alcohol or any controlled substance.
4. Any other sole or contributing cause.

Sec. 23 NRS 630A.075 is hereby deleted as follows

~~{630A.075 “Supervising homeopathic physician” means an active homeopathic physician licensed in the State of Nevada who employs and supervises a homeopathic assistant or an advanced practitioner of homeopathy.}~~

Sec. 24 NRS 630A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.080 The purpose of licensing **integrated** ~~homeopathic~~ physicians is to protect the public health and safety and the general welfare of the people of this State. Any license issued pursuant to this chapter is a revocable privilege and no holder of such a license acquires thereby any vested right.

Sec. 25 NRS 630A.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.090 1. This chapter does not apply to:

- (a) The practice of dentistry, chiropractic, Oriental medicine, podiatry, optometry, respiratory care, faith or Christian Science healing, nursing, veterinary medicine or fitting hearing aids.
- (b) A medical officer of the Armed Forces or a medical officer of any division or department of the United States in the discharge of his or her official duties, including, without limitation, providing medical care in a hospital in accordance with an agreement entered into pursuant to [NRS 449.2455](#).
- (c) Licensed or certified nurses in the discharge of their duties as nurses.
- (d) **Integrated** ~~Homeopathic~~ physicians who are called into this State, other than on a regular basis, for consultation or assistance to any physician licensed in this State, and who are legally qualified to practice in the state or country where they reside.

(e) AquaStretch services provided by massage therapists licensed pursuant to NRS 640C or nationally certified athletic trainers, as well as athletic trainers, fitness trainers, massage therapists, or wellness instructors employed or contracted by Nevada resorts, hotels, casinos, spas or institutions of higher education.

2. This chapter does not repeal or affect any statute of Nevada regulating or affecting any other healing art.

3. This chapter does not prohibit:

(a) Gratuitous services of a person in case of emergency.

(b) The domestic administration of family remedies.

~~4. This chapter does not authorize a homeopathic physician to practice medicine, including allopathic medicine, except as otherwise provided in NRS 630A.040.~~

Sec. 26 NRS 630A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.110 1. Three members of the Board must be persons who are licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in any state or country, ~~{the D} district {of Columbia}~~ or a territory or possession of the United States, have been engaged in the practice of *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine in this State for a period of more than 2 years preceding their respective appointments, are actually engaged in the practice of *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine in this State and are residents of the State.

2. *One member of the Board must be a person, who is licensed to practice as an integrated practitioner in this state for a period of more than 2 years preceding his appointment, is actually engaged in the practice of integrated medicine as an integrated practitioner in this State and is a resident of the State.*

3. ~~{2}~~ One member of the Board must be a person who has resided in this State for at least ~~{5}~~ 3 years and who represents the interests of persons or agencies that regularly provide health care to patients who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care. This member ~~{may}~~ *must not* be licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

4. ~~{3}~~ The remaining *two* ~~{three}~~ members of the Board must be persons who:

(a) Are not licensed in any state to practice any healing art;

(b) Are not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a person licensed in any state to practice any healing art;

(c) Are not actively engaged in the administration of any medical facility or facility for the dependent as defined in [chapter 449](#) of NRS;

(d) Do not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to such a facility, except as a patient or potential patient; and

(e) Have resided in this State for at least ~~{5}~~ 3 years.

5. ~~{4}~~ The members of the Board must be selected without regard to their individual political beliefs.

~~{5. As used in this section, "healing art" means any system, treatment, operation, diagnosis, prescription or practice for the ascertainment, cure, relief, palliation, adjustment or correction of any human disease, ailment, deformity, injury, or unhealthy or abnormal physical or mental condition for the practice of which long periods of specialized education and training and a degree of specialized knowledge of an intellectual as well as physical nature are required.~~

Sec. 27 NRS 630A.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.155 The Board shall:

1. Regulate the practice of *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine in this State and any activities that are within the scope of such practice, to protect the public health and safety and the general welfare of the people of this State.

2. Determine the qualifications of, and examine, applicants for licensure or certification pursuant to this chapter, and specify by regulation the methods to be used to check the background of such applicants.

3. License or certify those applicants it finds to be qualified.

4. Investigate and, if required, hear and decide in a manner consistent with the provisions of [chapter 622A](#) of NRS all complaints made against any *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician, ~~{advanced}~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~{of homeopathy}~~, *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ *assistant* or any agent or employee of any of them, or any facility where the primary practice is *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine. If a complaint concerns a practice which is within the jurisdiction of another licensing board or any other possible violation of state law, the Board shall refer the complaint to the other licensing board.

5. Submit an annual report to the Legislature and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the enactment of legislation relating to complementary integrated and complementary integrated medicine, including without limitation, homeopathic medicine.

Sec. 28 NRS 630A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.220 1. It is unlawful for any person:

(a) To practice *as an integrated* ~~homeopathic medicine~~ *physician*;

(b) To hold himself or herself out as *a physician* qualified to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine; or

(c) To use in connection with his or her name the words or letters *“I.M.D.”*, *“H.M.D.(M.D.)”* (*Holistic or Homeopathic Medical Doctor*) or *“H.M.D.(D.O.)”* (*Holistic or Homeopathic Osteopathic Doctor*), *“N.P.”* (*Naturopathic Physician*), *“N.D.”* (*Naturopathic Doctor*) or any other title, word, letter or other designation intended to imply or designate the person as a *physician* ~~practitioner~~ of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, in this State without first obtaining a license so to do as provided in this chapter.

2. A physician licensed pursuant to this chapter who holds a degree such as doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy may identify himself or herself by that degree or its appropriate abbreviation, but unless the physician is also licensed pursuant to [chapter 630](#) or [633](#) of NRS must further identify himself or herself by the words *“practitioner physician of integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *medicine”* or their equivalent.

3. It is unlawful for any person:

(a) *To practice integrated medicine as an integrated practitioner; or*

(b) *To hold himself or herself out as a practitioner qualified to practice integrated medicine as an Advanced Practitioner (A.P.), Advanced Practitioner of Homeopathy (A.P.H.); or*

(c) *To use in connection with his or her name the words or letters “Aq. P.” (AquaStretch Practitioner), “Ar.P” (Aromatherapy Practitioner) “C.P.” (Colon Practitioner), “Ct.P” (Cell therapy Practitioner), “Ds.P” (Dietary supplements Practitioner), “Ed.P” (Electrodianosis Practitioner), “Em.P” (Electromagnetic therapy), “Et.P.” (Environmental therapy Practitioner), “Ht.P” (Healing touch Practitioner), “Ht.P” (Herbal therapy Practitioner) “Hol.P”. (Holistic Practitioner), “Hom.P” (Homeopathic Practitioner), “I. P.” (Integrated Practitioner), “I.M.P.” (Integrated Medical Practitioner), “Lm.P” (Lifestyle modification Practitioner), “Nt.P” (Neural therapy Practitioner), “Nu.P.” (Nutritionist Practitioner), “Ni.P.” (Neuromuscular integration Practitioner), “Ot.P” (Oxygen therapy Practitioner), “R.P.” (Reiki Practitioner), “Tp.P” (Trigger point Practitioner), “Wc.P” (Wellness counseling Practitioner), or any other title, word, letter or other designation intended to imply or designate the person as a practitioner of integrated medicine, in this State without first obtaining a certificate so to do as provided in this chapter.*

4. As used in this section the words or letters “A.P.” (Advanced Practitioner) or “A.P.H.” (Advanced Practitioner of Homeopathy) that imply or designate a practitioner is certified to practice two (2) or more integrated therapies may not be used by an integrated practitioner approved to practice a single therapy.

Sec. 29 NRS 630A.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.225 1. The Board shall not issue a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine to an applicant who has been licensed to practice any type of medicine in another jurisdiction and whose license was revoked for gross medical negligence by that jurisdiction.

2. The Board may revoke the license of any person licensed to practice any type of medicine in another jurisdiction which was revoked for gross medical negligence by that jurisdiction.

3. The revocation of a license to practice any type of medicine in another jurisdiction on grounds other than grounds which would constitute revocation for gross medical negligence constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying the issuance of a license.

4. For the purposes of this section, the Board shall adopt by regulation a definition of gross medical negligence.

5. If an applicant has had a license revoked by or has surrendered a license to another jurisdiction, the applicant may attempt to demonstrate to the board's satisfaction that the applicant is completely rehabilitated with respect to the conduct that was the basis for the revocation or surrender of the license.

6.. The board shall vacate its previous order to deny a license if that denial was based on the applicant's conviction of a felony or an offense involving moral turpitude and that conviction has been reversed on appeal. The physician may resubmit an application for licensure as soon as the court enters the reversal.

7. If the board finds that an applicant has committed an act or engaged in conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action, the board shall determine to its satisfaction that the conduct has been corrected, monitored and resolved. If the matter has not been resolved, before it issues a license the board shall determine to its satisfaction that mitigating circumstances exist that prevent its resolution.

8. Except as provided in subsection 6, a person shall not submit an application for reinstatement or a new application within five years after the person has completely corrected the conduct and made full legal restitution to the board's satisfaction.

Sec. 30 NRS 630A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.230 1. Every person desiring to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine must, before beginning to practice, procure from the Board a license authorizing such practice.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 630A.225, a license may be issued to any person who:

- (a) *Is of good moral character;*
- (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;
- (c) ~~[(b)] Holds [Has] a [received the] degree from an approved school [of doctor] of medicine or [doctor of] osteopathic medicine or has received a medical education that the Board determines is of equivalent quality [from the school he or she attended during the 2 years immediately preceding the granting of the degree];~~
- (d) ~~[(e)] Holds a license in good standing [Is licensed] to practice [allopathic or osteopathic] medicine or osteopathic medicine that is issued under chapter 630 or 633 of NRS or by another [in any] state, district, country [the District of Columbia] or a territory or possession of the United States;~~
- (e) ~~[(d)] Has completed [1 year of] a postgraduate [training in allopathic or osteopathic medicine] program approved by the Board;~~
- (f) *Completes the application required by the board;*
- (g) *Has the physical and mental capacity to safely engage in the practice of medicine;*
- (h) *Provides the Board with affidavits from three physicians who are licensed to practice medicine in any state or district of the United States and who are in active practice, who shall attest to the applicant's good moral character and fitness to practice integrated medicine;*
- (i) *Pays application fee and all other fees and costs required by the board;*
- (j) ~~[(e)]~~ Has passed all oral or written examinations required by the Board or this chapter; and
- (k) ~~[(f)]~~ Meets additional requirements established by the Board.

Sec. 31 . NRS 630A.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.240 1. An applicant for a license to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine who is a graduate of a medical school located in the United States or Canada shall submit to the Board, through its Secretary-Treasurer, proof that the applicant has received:

(a) The degree of doctor of medicine from a medical school which at the time of his or her graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, or the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine from an osteopathic school which at the time of his or her graduation was accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association; *and*

(b) ~~[(One year of p)]~~ Postgraduate training *in a program [in allopathic or osteopathic medicine]* approved by the Board. ~~[- and~~

~~—(c) Six months of postgraduate training in homeopathy.]~~

2. In addition to the proofs required by subsection 1, the Board may take such further evidence and require such other documents or proof of qualification as in its discretion may be deemed proper.

3. If it appears that the applicant is not of good moral character or reputation or that any credential submitted is false, the applicant may be rejected.

Sec. 32 NRS 630A.246 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.246 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in this chapter:

(a) An applicant for the issuance of a license to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine, a *license [certificate]* as an *[advanced] integrated* practitioner ~~[of homeopathy]~~ or a certificate as an *integrated [homeopathic] assistant* shall include the social security number of the applicant in the application submitted to the Board.

(b) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, a *license* ~~certificate~~ as an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ or a certificate as a *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* shall submit to the Board the statement prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to [NRS 425.520](#). The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.

2. The Board shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:

(a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance or renewal of the license or certificate; or

(b) A separate form prescribed by the Board.

3. A license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, a *license* ~~certificate~~ as an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ or a certificate as an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* may not be issued or renewed by the Board if the applicant:

(a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or

(b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, the Board shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.

Sec. 33 NRS 630A.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.250 1. If required by the Board, an applicant for a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine shall appear personally and pass an oral examination.

2. The Board may employ specialists and other consultants or examining services in conducting any examination required by the Board.

Sec. 34 NRS 630A.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.260 1. If an applicant *for a license or certificate* fails in a first examination, the applicant may be reexamined after not less than ~~3~~~~6~~ months.

2. If the applicant fails in a second examination, he or she may not be reexamined within less than ~~6~~~~1~~ *year* ~~months~~ after the date of the second examination. Before taking a third examination, the applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board of 1 year of additional training in *integrated* ~~homeopathy~~ *medicine* after the second examination.

3. If an applicant fails three consecutive examinations, he or she must show the Board by clear and convincing evidence that extraordinary circumstances justify permitting the applicant to be reexamined again.

Sec. 35 NRS 630A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.270 1. An applicant for a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine who is a graduate of a foreign medical school shall submit to the Board through its Secretary-Treasurer proof that the applicant:

(a) Is a citizen of the United States, or that he or she is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States;

(b) Has received the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent, as determined by the Board, from a foreign medical school recognized by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; *and*

(c) Has completed ~~3~~~~years~~ *a program* of postgraduate training satisfactory to the Board. ~~;~~ ~~(d) Has completed an additional 6 months of postgraduate training in homeopathic medicine;~~

~~(e) Has received the standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and~~

~~(f) Has passed all parts of the Federation Licensing Examination, or has received a written statement from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates that the applicant has passed the examination given by the Commission.~~

2. In addition to the proofs required by subsection 1, the Board may *require proof that the applicant has passed all parts of the Federation Licensing Examination, or has received a written statement from*

the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates that the applicant has passed the examination given by the Commission, and take such further evidence and require such further proof of the professional and moral qualifications of the applicant as in its discretion may be deemed proper.

3. If the applicant is a diplomate of an approved specialty board recognized by this Board, the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection 1 may be waived by the Board.

4. Before issuance of a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, the applicant who presents the proof required by subsection 1 shall appear personally before the Board and satisfactorily pass a written or oral examination, or both, as to his or her qualifications to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine.

Sec. 36 NRS 630A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.280 The Board may, in its discretion, license an applicant who holds a valid license or certificate issued to the applicant by the homeopathic, *complementary, integrated or alternative* medical examining board of *any country, district* ~~the District of Columbia~~ or of any state or territory of the United States, if:

1. The legal requirements of the homeopathic, *complementary, integrated or alternative* medical examining board were, at the time of issuing the license or certificate, in no degree or particular less than those of this State at the time when the license or certificate was issued.

2. The applicant is of good moral character and reputation.

3. The applicant passes an oral examination, where required by the Board.

4. The applicant furnishes to the Board such other proof of qualifications, professional or moral, as the Board may require.

Sec. 37 NRS 630A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.290 1. The Board may deny an application for a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine for any violation of the provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted by the Board.

2. The Board shall notify an applicant of any deficiency which prevents any further action on the application or results in the denial of the application. The applicant may respond in writing to the Board concerning any deficiency and, if the applicant does so, the Board shall respond in writing to the contentions of the applicant.

3. An unsuccessful applicant may appeal to the district court to review the action of the Board within 30 days after the date of the rejection of the application by the Board. Upon appeal the applicant has the burden to show that the action of the Board is erroneous or unlawful.

4. The Board shall maintain records pertaining to applicants to whom licenses have been issued or denied. The records must be open to the public and must contain:

(a) The name of each applicant.

(b) The name of the school granting the diploma.

(c) The date of the diploma.

(d) The date of issuance or denial of the license.

(e) The business address of the applicant.

Sec. 38 NRS 630A.293 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.293 1. The Board may grant a *license* ~~certificate~~ as an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ to a person who has completed an educational program designed to prepare the person to:

(a) Perform designated acts of medical diagnosis;

(b) Prescribe therapeutic or corrective measures; and

(c) Prescribe *medicines and* substances used in *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine *upon approval of the Board*.

2. An ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ may:

(a) Engage in selected medical diagnosis and treatment; and

(b) Prescribe substances which are *defined as integrated in NRS 630A and NAC 630A* ~~contained in the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia of the United States,~~ pursuant to a protocol approved by *the Board* ~~a supervising homeopathic physician~~. A protocol must not include, and an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ shall not engage in, any diagnosis, treatment or other conduct which he or she is not qualified to perform.

3. As used in this section, "protocol" means a written agreement between *the Board* ~~a homeopathic physician~~ and an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ which sets forth matters including the:

- (a) Patients which the ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ may serve;
- (b) Specific substances used in *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine which the ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ may prescribe; and
- (c) Conditions under which the ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ must directly refer the patient to the *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician.

4. The Board may assign an integrated physician or practitioner to supervise an integrated physician or practitioner when deemed necessary.

Sec. 39 NRS 630A.295 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.295 The Board shall adopt regulations:

1. Specifying the training, education and experience necessary for *licensure* ~~certification~~ as an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~.
2. Delineating the authorized scope of practice of an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~.
3. Establishing the procedure for application for *licensure* ~~certification~~ as an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~.
4. Establishing the duration, renewal and termination of *licenses* ~~certificates~~ of ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioners ~~of homeopathy~~.
5. Establishing requirements for the continuing education of ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioners ~~of homeopathy~~.
6. Delineating the grounds respecting disciplinary actions against ~~advanced~~ *integrated* practitioners ~~of homeopathy~~.

Sec. 40 NRS 630A.297 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.297 1. The Board may issue a certificate as an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* to an applicant who is qualified under the regulations of the Board to perform *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *medical services* under the supervision of an ~~supervising~~ *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or an integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *physician or integrated practitioner*. The application for the certificate must be cosigned by the ~~supervising~~ *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner*, and the certificate is valid only so long as that ~~supervising~~ *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* employs ~~and supervises~~ *the integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant*.

2. An *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* may perform such *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *medical services* as he or she is authorized to perform under the terms of the certificate issued to the *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* by the Board, if the services are performed under the supervision and control of the ~~supervising~~ *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner*.

3. An ~~supervising~~ *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* shall not cosign for, employ ~~or supervise~~ more than five *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistants* at the same time.

Sec. 41 NRS 630A.299 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.299 The Board shall adopt regulations regarding the certification of an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant*, including, but not limited to:

1. The educational and other qualifications of applicants.
2. The required academic program for applicants.
3. The procedures for applications for and the issuance of certificates.
4. The tests or examinations of applicants by the Board.
5. The medical services which a *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* may perform, except that an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* may not perform those specific functions and duties delegated or restricted by law to persons licensed as dentists, chiropractors, podiatric physicians, optometrists or hearing aid specialists under [chapter 631](#), [634](#), [635](#), [636](#) or [637A](#), respectively, of NRS.
6. The duration, renewal and termination of certificates.
7. The grounds respecting disciplinary actions against *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistants*.
8. The supervision of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* by an ~~supervising~~ *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner*.
9. The establishment of requirements for the continuing education of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistants*.

Sec. 42 NRS 630A.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 630A.225](#), the Board may:

(a) Issue a temporary license, to be effective not more than 6 months after issuance, to any *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* who is eligible for a permanent license in this State and who also is of good moral character and reputation. The purpose of the temporary license is to enable an eligible *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* to serve as a substitute for some other *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* who is licensed to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine in this State and who is absent from his or her practice for reasons deemed sufficient by the Board. A temporary license issued under the provisions of this paragraph is not renewable.

(b) Issue a special license to a licensed *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* of another state to come into Nevada to care for or assist in the treatment of his or her own patients in association with a physician licensed in this State. A special license issued under the provisions of this paragraph is limited to the care of a specific patient.

(c) Issue a restricted license for a specified period if the Board determines the applicant needs supervision or restriction.

2. A person who is licensed pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to have given consent to the revocation of the license at any time by the Board for any of the grounds provided in [NRS 630A.225](#) or [630A.340](#) to [630A.380](#), inclusive.

Sec. 43 NRS 630A.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.320 1. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 630A.225](#), the Board may issue to a qualified applicant a limited license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine as a resident *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or as a resident integrated practitioner* in a postgraduate program of clinical training if:

(a) The applicant is a graduate of an accredited medical school in the United States or Canada or is a graduate of a foreign medical school *that is listed in the International Medical Education Directory or its equivalent* and:

(1) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States; and

(2) Has completed 1 year of supervised clinical training approved by the Board.

(b) The Board approves the program of clinical training, and the medical school or other institution sponsoring the program provides the Board with written confirmation that the applicant has been appointed to a position in the program.

2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, *The Board may require* an applicant who is a graduate of a foreign medical school ~~to~~ ~~must~~ have received the standard certificate of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

3. The Board may issue this limited license for not more than 1 year, but may renew the license *annually*.

4. The holder of this limited license may practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine only in connection with his or her duties as a resident physician and shall not engage in the private practice of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine.

5. A limited license granted under this section may be revoked by the Board at any time for any of the grounds set forth in [NRS 630A.225](#) or [630A.340](#) to [630A.380](#), inclusive.

Sec. 44 NRS 630A.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.325 1. To renew a license other than a temporary, special or limited license issued pursuant to this chapter, each person must, on or before January 1 of each year:

(a) Apply to the Board for renewal;

(b) Pay the annual fee for renewal set by the Board;

(c) Submit evidence to the Board of completion of the requirements for continuing education; and

(d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal.

2. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the renewal or restoration of a license other than a temporary, special or limited license, require each holder of a license to comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.

3. Any holder who fails to pay the annual fee for renewal and submit all information required to complete the renewal after they become due ~~must be given a period of 60 days in which to pay the fee and submit all required information and, failing to do so,~~ automatically forfeits the right to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine, and his or her license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine in this State

is automatically suspended. The holder may, within 2 years after the date his or her license is suspended, apply for the restoration of the license.

4. The Board shall notify any holder whose license is automatically suspended pursuant to subsection 3 and send a copy of the notice to the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice or its successor agency.

Sec. 45 NRS 630A.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.330 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, each applicant for a license to practice *integrated* ~~[homeopathic]~~ medicine must:

(a) Pay a fee of \$500; and

(b) Pay the cost of obtaining such further evidence and proof of qualifications as the Board may require pursuant to subsection 2 of [NRS 630A.240](#).

2. Each applicant for a *license* ~~[certificate]~~ as an ~~[advanced]~~ *integrated* practitioner ~~[of homeopathy]~~ must:

(a) Pay a fee of \$300; and

(b) Pay the cost of obtaining such further evidence and proof of qualifications as the Board may require pursuant to [NRS 630A.295](#).

3. Each applicant for a certificate as an *integrated* ~~[homeopathic]~~ *assistant* must pay a fee of \$150.

4. Each applicant for a license or certificate who fails an examination and who is permitted to be reexamined must pay a fee not to exceed \$400 for each reexamination.

5. If an applicant for a license or certificate does not appear for examination, for any reason deemed sufficient by the Board, the Board may, upon request, refund a portion of the application fee not to exceed 50 percent of the fee. There must be no refund of the application fee if an applicant appears for examination.

6. Each applicant for a license issued under the provisions of [NRS 630A.310](#) or [630A.320](#) must pay a fee not to exceed \$150, as determined by the Board, and must pay a fee of \$100 for each renewal of the license.

7. The fee for the renewal of a license or certificate, as determined by the Board, must not exceed \$600 per year and must be collected for the year in which a physician, *integrated* ~~[advanced]~~ practitioner ~~[of homeopathy]~~ or *integrated* ~~[homeopathic]~~ *assistant* is licensed or certified.

8. The fee for the restoration of a suspended license or certificate is twice the amount of the fee for the renewal of a license or certificate at the time of the restoration of the license or certificate.

Sec. 46 NRS 630A.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.340 The following acts, among others, constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying the issuance of a license:

1. Unprofessional conduct.

2. Conviction of:

(a) 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;

(b) A violation of any of the provisions of [NRS 616D.200](#), [616D.220](#), [616D.240](#), [616D.300](#), [616D.310](#), or [616D.350](#) to [616D.440](#), inclusive;

(c) Any offense involving moral turpitude; or

(d) Any offense relating to the practice of *integrated* ~~[homeopathic]~~ medicine or the ability to practice *integrated* ~~[homeopathic]~~ medicine. A plea of nolo contendere to any offense listed in this subsection shall be deemed a conviction.

3. The suspension, modification or limitation of a license to practice any type of medicine by any other jurisdiction.

4. The surrender of a license to practice any type of medicine or the discontinuance of the practice of medicine while under investigation by any licensing authority, medical facility, facility for the dependent, branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, insurance company, agency of the Federal Government or employer.

5. Gross or repeated malpractice, which may be evidenced by claims of malpractice settled against a practitioner.

6. Professional incompetence.

Sec. 47 NRS 630A.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.350 The following acts, among others, constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying the issuance of a license:

1. Willfully making a false or fraudulent statement or submitting a forged or false document in applying for a license to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine.
2. Willfully representing with the purpose of obtaining compensation or other advantages for himself or herself or for any other person that a manifestly incurable disease or injury or other manifestly incurable condition can be permanently cured.
3. Obtaining, maintaining or renewing, or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew, a license to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement.
4. Advertising the practice of *integrated homeopathic* medicine in a false, deceptive or misleading manner.
5. Practicing or attempting to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine under a name other than the name under which he or she is licensed.
6. Signing a blank prescription form.
7. Influencing a patient in order to engage in sexual activity with the patient or another person.
8. Attempting directly or indirectly, by way of intimidation, coercion or deception, to obtain or retain a patient or to discourage a patient from obtaining a second opinion.
9. Terminating the medical care of a patient without giving adequate notice or making other arrangements for the continued care of the patient.

Sec. 48 NRS 630A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.360 The following acts, among others, constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying the issuance of a license:

1. Directly or indirectly receiving from any person any fee, commission, rebate or other form of compensation which tends or is intended to influence the physician's objective evaluation or treatment of a patient.
2. Dividing a fee between *integrated homeopathic* physicians, *between integrated physicians and integrated practitioners, or between integrated practitioners*, unless the patient is informed of the division of fees and the division is made in proportion to the services personally performed and the responsibility assumed by each *homeopathic integrated physician and integrated practitioner*.
3. Charging for visits to *integrated homeopathic* physician's office *or to the integrated practitioner's office* which did not occur or for services which were not rendered or documented in the records of the patient.
4. Employing, directly or indirectly, any suspended or unlicensed person in the practice of *integrated homeopathic* medicine, or the aiding, abetting or assisting of any unlicensed person to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine contrary to the provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted by the Board.
5. Advertising the services of an unlicensed person in the practice of *integrated homeopathic* medicine.
6. Delegating responsibility for the care of a patient to a person whom the *integrated homeopathic* physician knows, or has reason to know, is not qualified to undertake that responsibility.
7. Failing to disclose to a patient any financial or other conflict of interest affecting the care of the patient.

Sec. 49 NRS 630A.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.370 The following acts, among others, constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying the issuance of a license:

1. Inability to practice *integrated homeopathic* medicine with reasonable skill and safety because of an illness, a mental or physical condition or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics or any other addictive substance.
2. Engaging in any:
 - (a) Professional conduct which is intended to deceive or which the Board by regulation has determined is unethical.
 - (b) Medical practice harmful to the public or any conduct detrimental to the public health, safety or morals which does not constitute gross or repeated malpractice or professional incompetence.
3. Administering, dispensing or prescribing any controlled substance, except as authorized by law.

4. Performing, assisting or advising an unlawful abortion or in the injection of any liquid substance into the human body to cause an abortion.

5. Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law, or performing services which the *integrated [homeopathic]* physician *or the integrated practitioner* knows or has reason to know he or she is not competent to perform.

6. Performing any procedure without first obtaining the informed consent of the patient or the patient's family or prescribing any therapy which by the current standards of the practice of *integrated [homeopathic]* medicine is experimental.

7. Continued failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians *or integrated practitioner* in good standing who practice *[homeopathy and electrodiagnosis] medicine*.

8. Operation of a medical facility, as defined in [NRS 449.0151](#), at any time during which:

(a) The license of the facility is suspended or revoked; or

(b) An act or omission occurs which results in the suspension or revocation of the license pursuant to [NRS 449.160](#). This subsection applies to an owner or other principal responsible for the operation of the facility.

Sec. 50 NRS 630A.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.380 The following acts, among others, constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying the issuance of a license:

1. Willful disclosure of a communication privileged under a statute or court order.

2. Willful failure to comply with any provision of this chapter, regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or with any court order relating to this chapter.

3. Willful failure to perform any statutory or other legal obligation imposed upon a licensed *integrated [homeopathic]* physician *or integrated practitioner*.

Sec. 51 NRS 630A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.390 1. Any person who becomes aware that a person practicing medicine in this State has, is or is about to become engaged in conduct which constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action may file a written complaint with the Board.

2. Any medical society or medical facility or facility for the dependent licensed in this State shall report to the Board the initiation and outcome of any disciplinary action against any *integrated [homeopathic]* physician *or integrated practitioner* concerning the care of a patient or the competency of the physician *or practitioner*.

3. The clerk of every court shall report to the Board any finding, judgment or other determination of the court that an *integrated [homeopathic]* physician *or integrated practitioner*:

(a) Is mentally ill;

(b) Is mentally incompetent;

(c) Has been convicted of a felony or any law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs;

(d) Is guilty of abuse or fraud under any state or federal program providing medical assistance; or

(e) Is liable for damages for malpractice or negligence.

4. The Board shall retain all complaints filed with the Board pursuant to this section for at least 10 years, including, without limitation, any complaints not acted upon.

Sec. 52 NRS 630A.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.400 1. The Board or a committee of its members designated by the Board shall review every complaint filed with the Board and conduct an investigation to determine whether there is a reasonable basis for compelling an *integrated [homeopathic]* physician *or integrated practitioner* to take a mental or physical examination or an examination of his or her competence to practice *integrated [homeopathic]* medicine.

2. If a committee is designated, it must be composed of at least *two [three]* members of the Board, at least one of whom is a licensed *integrated [homeopathic]* physician.

3. If, from the complaint or from other official records, it appears that the complaint is not frivolous and the complaint charges gross or repeated malpractice, the Board shall transmit the original complaint, along with further facts or information derived from its own review, to the Attorney General.

4. Following the investigation, the committee shall present its evaluation and recommendations to the Board. The Board shall review the committee's findings to determine whether to take any further action,

but a member of the Board who participated in the investigation may not participate in this review or in any subsequent hearing or action taken by the Board.

Sec. 53 NRS 630A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.420 1. If the Board or its investigative committee has reason to believe that the conduct of any *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* has raised a reasonable question as to his or her competence to practice *integrated* medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, it may order the *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* to undergo:

(a) A mental or physical examination; or

(b) An examination of his or her competence to practice *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine, by physicians, *practitioners* or others designated by the Board to assist the Board in determining the fitness of the *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* to practice *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine.

2. For the purposes of this section:

(a) Every *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* who applies for a license or is licensed under this chapter shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination or an examination of his or her competence to practice *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine when directed to do so in writing by the Board or an investigative committee of the Board.

(b) The testimony or reports of the examining physicians are not privileged communications.

3. Except in extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Board, the failure of a *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* licensed under this chapter to submit to an examination when directed as provided in this section constitutes an admission of the charges against the *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner*.

Sec. 54 NRS 630A.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.430 If the Board has reason to believe that the conduct of any *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* has raised a reasonable question as to his or her competence to practice *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, the Board may order an examination of the *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* to determine his or her fitness to practice *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine. When such action is taken, the reasons for the action must be documented and must be available to the *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* being examined.

Sec. 55 NRS 630A.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.440 Notwithstanding the provisions of [chapter 622A](#) of NRS, if the Board issues an order summarily suspending the license of a *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* pending proceedings for disciplinary action and requires the *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* to submit to a mental or physical examination or an examination of his or her competence to practice *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine, the examination must be conducted and the results obtained not later than 60 days after the Board issues its order.

Sec. 56 NRS 630A.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.450 Stay by court of order of summary suspension prohibited. Notwithstanding the provisions of [chapter 622A](#) of NRS, if the Board issues an order summarily suspending the license of a *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* pending proceedings for disciplinary action, including, without limitation, a summary suspension pursuant to [NRS 233B.127](#), the court shall not stay that order.

Sec. 57 NRS 630A.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.460 1. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the Board, through its President or Secretary-Treasurer or the Attorney General, may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to:

(a) Enjoin any prohibited act or other conduct of an *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* which is harmful to the public;

(b) Enjoin any person who is not licensed under this chapter from practicing *integrated* ~~{homeopathic}~~ medicine; or

(c) Limit *an integrated [homeopathic] physician's or integrated practitioner's* practice or suspend his or her license to practice *integrated [homeopathic] medicine*.

2. The court in a proper case may issue a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction for the purposes of subsection 1:

(a) Without proof of actual damage sustained by any person;

(b) Without relieving any person from criminal prosecution for engaging in the practice of *integrated [homeopathic] medicine* without a license; and

(c) Pending proceedings for disciplinary action by the Board.

Sec. 58 NRS 630A.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.490 Except as otherwise provided in [chapter 622A](#) of NRS:

1. Service of process made under this chapter must be either personal or by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, addressed to the *integrated [homeopathic] physician or integrated practitioner* at his or her last known address. If personal service cannot be made and if notice by mail is returned undelivered, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board shall cause notice to be published once a week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county of the *integrated [homeopathic] physician's or integrated practitioner's* last known address or, if no newspaper is published in that county, then in a newspaper widely distributed in that county.

2. Proof of service of process or publication of notice made under this chapter must be filed with the Board and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

Sec. 59 NRS 630A.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.500 Notwithstanding the provisions of [chapter 622A](#) of NRS, in any disciplinary hearing:

1. Proof of actual injury need not be established.

2. A certified copy of the record of a court or a licensing agency showing a conviction or plea of nolo contendere or the suspension, revocation, limitation, modification, denial or surrender of a license to practice *integrated [homeopathic] medicine* is conclusive evidence of its occurrence.

Sec. 60 NRS 630A.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.510 1. Any member of the Board who was not a member of the investigative committee, if one was appointed, may participate in the final order of the Board. If the Board, after notice and a hearing as required by law, determines that a violation of the provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted by the Board has occurred, it shall issue and serve on the person charged an order, in writing, containing its findings and any sanctions imposed by the Board. If the Board determines that no violation has occurred, it shall dismiss the charges, in writing, and notify the person that the charges have been dismissed.

2. If the Board finds that a violation has occurred, it may by order:

(a) Place the person on probation for a specified period on any of the conditions specified in the order.

(b) Administer to the person a public reprimand.

(c) Limit the practice of the person or exclude a method of treatment from the scope of his or her practice.

(d) Suspend the license of the person for a specified period or until further order of the Board.

(e) Revoke the license of the person to practice *integrated [homeopathic] medicine*.

(f) Require the person to participate in a program to correct a dependence upon alcohol or a controlled substance, or any other impairment.

(g) Require supervision of the person's practice.

(h) Impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$10,000.

(i) Require the person to perform community service without compensation.

(j) Require the person to take a physical or mental examination or an examination of his or her competence to practice *integrated [homeopathic] medicine*.

(k) Require the person to fulfill certain training or educational requirements.

3. The Board shall not administer a private reprimand.

4. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.

Sec. 61 NRS 630A.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.520 1. Any person aggrieved by a final order of the Board is entitled to judicial review of the Board's order as provided by law.

2. Every order of the Board which limits the practice of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine or suspends or revokes a license is effective from the date the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board certifies the order until the date the order is modified or reversed by a final judgment of the court. The court shall not stay the order of the Board pending a final determination by the court.

3. The district court shall give a petition for judicial review of the Board's order priority over other civil matters which are not expressly given priority by law.

Sec. 62 NRS 630A.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.530 1. Any person:

(a) Whose practice of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine has been limited; or

(b) Whose license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine has been:

(1) Suspended until further order; or

(2) Revoked, may apply to the Board for removal of the limitation or suspension or may apply to the Board pursuant to the provisions of [chapter 622A](#) of NRS for reinstatement of the revoked license.

2. In hearing the application, the Board or a committee of members of the Board:

(a) May require the applicant to submit to a mental or physical examination or an examination of his or her competence to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine by physicians or other persons whom it designates and submit such other evidence of changed conditions and of fitness as it deems proper.

(b) Shall determine whether under all the circumstances the time of the application is reasonable.

(c) May deny the application or modify or rescind its order as it deems the evidence and the public safety warrants.

3. The applicant has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the requirements for reinstatement of the license or removal of the limitation or suspension have been met.

4. The Board shall not reinstate a license unless it is satisfied that the applicant has complied with all of the terms and conditions set forth in the final order of the Board and that the applicant is capable of practicing *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

5. In addition to any other requirements set forth in [chapter 622A](#) of NRS, to reinstate a license that has been revoked by the Board, a person must apply for a license and take an examination as though the person had never been licensed under this chapter.

Sec. 63 NRS 630A.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.540 1. In addition to any other immunity provided by the provisions of [chapter 622A](#) of NRS:

(a) Any person who furnishes information to the Board, in good faith in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, concerning a person who is licensed or certified or applies for a license or certificate under this chapter is immune from civil liability for furnishing that information.

(b) The Board and its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, committees, panels, hearing officers and consultants are immune from civil liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to information received by the Board.

(c) The Board and any of its members are immune from civil liability for disseminating information concerning a person who is licensed or certified or applies for a license or certificate under this chapter to the Attorney General or any board or agency of the State, hospital, medical society, insurer, employer, patient or patient's family or law enforcement agency.

2. The Board shall not commence an investigation, impose any disciplinary action or take any other adverse action against an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner* for:

(a) Disclosing to a governmental entity a violation of any law, rule or regulation by an applicant for a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine or by an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician *or integrated practitioner*; or

(b) Cooperating with a governmental entity that is conducting an investigation, hearing or inquiry into such a violation, including, without limitation, providing testimony concerning the violation.

3. As used in this section, "governmental entity" includes, without limitation:

(a) A federal, state or local officer, employee, agency, department, division, bureau, board, commission, council, authority or other subdivision or entity of a public employer;

(b) A federal, state or local employee, committee, member or commission of the Legislative Branch of Government;

(c) A federal, state or local representative, member or employee of a legislative body or a county, town, village or any other political subdivision or civil division of the State;

- (d) A federal, state or local law enforcement agency or prosecutorial office, or any member or employee thereof, or police or peace officer; and
- (e) A federal, state or local judiciary, or any member or employee thereof, or grand or petit jury.

Sec. 64 NRS 630A.543 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.543 1. If the Board receives a copy of a court order issued pursuant to [NRS 425.540](#) that provides for the suspension of all professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates and permits issued to a person who is the holder of a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine or a *license* ~~certificate~~ to practice as an *integrated* ~~advanced~~ practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ or as an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant*, the Board shall deem the license or certificate issued to that person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which the court order was issued unless the Board receives a letter issued to the holder of the license or certificate by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to [NRS 425.550](#) stating that the holder of the license or certificate has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to [NRS 425.560](#).

2. The Board shall reinstate a license to practice *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine or a *license* ~~certificate~~ to practice as an ~~advanced~~ *integrated* ~~advanced~~ practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ or an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* that has been suspended by a district court pursuant to [NRS 425.540](#) if:

(a) The Board receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to [NRS 425.550](#) to the person whose license or certificate was suspended stating that the person whose license or certificate was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to [NRS 425.560](#); and

(b) The person whose license or certificate was suspended pays the fee prescribed in [NRS 630A.330](#) for the reinstatement of a suspended license or certificate.

Sec. 65 NRS 630A.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.550 The filing and review of a complaint, its dismissal without further action or its transmittal to the Attorney General, and any subsequent disposition by the Board, the Attorney General or any reviewing court do not preclude:

1. Any measure by a hospital or other institution or medical society to limit or terminate the privileges of an *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician, *integrated* ~~advanced~~ practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ or *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant* according to its rules or the custom of the profession. No civil liability attaches to any such action taken without malice even if the ultimate disposition of the complaint is in favor of the *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ physician, *integrated* ~~advanced~~ practitioner ~~of homeopathy~~ or *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ *assistant*.

2. Any appropriate criminal prosecution by the Attorney General or a district attorney based upon the same or other facts.

Sec. 66 NRS 630A.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.570 1. The Board through its President or Secretary-Treasurer or the Attorney General may maintain in any court of competent jurisdiction a suit for an injunction against any person or persons practicing *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine without a license or certificate.

2. Such an injunction:

(a) May be issued without proof of actual damage sustained by any person, this provision being a preventive as well as a punitive measure.

(b) Does not relieve such person from criminal prosecution for practicing without a license or certificate.

Sec. 67 NRS 630A.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.580 In seeking injunctive relief against any person for an alleged violation of this chapter by practicing *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine without a license or certificate, it is sufficient to allege that the person did, upon a certain day, and in a certain county of this State, engage in the practice of *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine without having a license or certificate to do so, without alleging any further or more particular facts concerning the matter.

Sec. 68 NRS 630A.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.590 A person who:

1. Presents to the Board as his or her own the diploma, license, certificate or credentials of another;
2. Gives either false or forged evidence of any kind to the Board;
3. Practices *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine under a false or assumed name; or
4. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 629.091](#), practices *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine without being licensed or certified under this chapter, is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in [NRS 193.130](#).

Sec. 69 NRS 630A.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630A.600 Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 629.091](#), a person who practices *integrated* ~~homeopathic~~ medicine without a license or certificate issued pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in [NRS 193.130](#).