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*This is a board action and therefore,  
a public document. However, it is  
NOT a disciplinary action.*

**Re: Case # 98-1009, Letter of Concern, Order in Other Than  
Contested Case**

Dear Dr. Stoltz,

You have informed this office that you are not renewing your license to practice chiropractic in Oregon when your license expires on July 31, 2001. Therefore to address the outstanding issues in Case # 1998-1009, the Board is issuing to you this Letter of Concern.

As you know, a complaint was filed against you by a patient in 1998 concerning your billing practices. As a result you were contacted and you responded with a portion of the patient file which was reviewed by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. They referred the case to the Peer Review Committee with instructions to interview you.

During the Board's initial attempt to schedule you for this interview, it was discovered in November 1998 that your telephone number and the address provided to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners was incorrect leaving this office no way to find you. Thus you were in violation of ORS 684.054 (2) (failure to notify the Board of your current professional address) until June of 1999 when you renewed your license as Inactive and provided a Hawaii address.

After many months of letters and phone calls, this office was finally able to schedule you for the Peer Review interview. On July 12, 2001 you presented for interview which was conducted by KC Snellgrove DC, Peer Review Committee chair and Michael Summers, the Board's investigator. Since you did not have a current phone number on file with the Board, it was impossible to confirm that in fact you were going to appear for this interview. For that reason, the whole committee did not gather.

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The report by Dr. Snellgrove alleges the following concerning the reviewed patient file:

- "History does not meet minimal standards.
- The past history does meet minimal standard.
- Presenting subjective complaints does not meet minimal standard.
- Examination does not meet minimal standards.
- Reexaminations do not meet minimal standards of care.
- Diagnosis is inadequate based on the history, presenting complaints and examinations. The diagnosis is for the most part unsubstantiated by the records reviewed.
- There was no x-ray report written.
- Chart notes do not meet minimal standards of care. The chart notes are inadequate in painting a picture of how the patient is responding to care. These chart notes are repetitious and are very similar in content from one date of service to the next. They do not reveal even a minimum of standard of care or ongoing case management. They fail to adequately reflect the patient's state of health from one visit to the next.
- There is no treatment plan. The treatment plan is an integral part of any file and should be included. In case of Dr. Stoltz's absence a treatment plan could provide a sense of direction and consistency to the patient from an interim chiropractic physician.
- The E and M code level is not substantiated by the records reviewed.
- There is no documentation concerning activities of daily living, home care or exercises.
- Chart notes frequently do not indicate the name of the physician or clinic.
- I would not be able to take over this case in Dr. Stoltz's absence."

If proven these would be violations of ORS 684.100 (g) (A), OAR 811-015-0005 (1) (a) (b) (Records), OAR 811-015-0006 (1) (Disclosure of records), OAR 811-015-0010 (3) (Excessive Treatments) and OAR 811-035-0005 (4) (Duties/Obligations).

Further this report and other investigative reports reviewed by the Board

document that you failed to cooperate with this investigation by refusing to provide a complete copy of the patient file in violation of OAR 811-035-0015 (19).

Since you are leaving the practice of chiropractic in Oregon this case will be closed with the issuance of this letter. The Board has determined that should you apply for a license to practice chiropractic in Oregon in the future, the issues raised in Case #98-1009 will need to be addressed as part of the application process.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signatures on file  
at the OBCE office.

Dave McTeague  
Executive Director