# Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners

#### TBCE 2014-064

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE
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Gerald Parker, D.C.	§	TEXAS BOARD OF
	§	
LICENSE NO. 10766	§	CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

## AGREED FINAL ORDER

On this 22 day of May, 2014, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of Gerald Parker D.C., Respondent.

This agreed order is executed pursuant to the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), Texas Government Code § 2001.056, which authorizes the informal disposition of contested cases. In a desire to conclude this matter without further delay and expense, the Board and Respondent agree to resolve this matter by this Agreed Final Order. The Respondent agrees to this order for the purpose of resolving this proceeding only and without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law set out in this order.

Upon recommendation of the Enforcement Committee, the Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this order:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Gerald Parker, D.C., Respondent, is a chiropractor licensed by the Board to practice chiropractic in the State of Texas and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Board; the Chiropractic Act, Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 201; and the Board's rules, Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, §§ 71.1-80.7.
- 2. On or about October 17, 2013, Respondent advertised "Laser like lipo therapy" and "results were guaranteed".
- 3. On January 14, 2014, the Board's Enforcement Committee met and voted to recommend imposition of an administrative penalty of \$1,500.00, as authorized by the Chiropractic Act, Tex. Occ. Code § 201.551, and 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 75.10(c), for advertising and practicing out of scope.



### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Gerald Parker, D.C., Respondent, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and is required to comply with the Chiropractic Act and the Board's rules.
- 2. By advertising and practicing out of scope, Respondent violated Board rule 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §75.17, and §77.2 which states:
  - §75.17 Scope of practice. (b) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: (3) Cosmetic treatment--a treatment that is primarily intended by the licensee to address the outward appearance of a patient.
  - §77.2 Publicity. (b) In any form of public communication, a licensee or facility shall not describe services that are inconsistent with the practice of chiropractic as described under §75.17 of this title (relating to Scope of Practice).
- 3. On a determination that a person has violated the Chiropractic Act or Board rules, the Board is authorized pursuant to § 201.501 of the Chiropractic Act to revoke or suspend the person's license, place on probation a person whose license has been suspended, reprimand a license holder, or impose an administrative penalty against the license holder.

NOW THEREFORE, it is the ORDER of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners that:

- 1. Gerald Parker, D.C., Respondent, shall:
  - a. pay an administrative penalty of \$1,500.00 within thirty days from the date the Board approves this Agreed Final Order; and
  - b. comply with all provisions of the Chiropractic Act and the Board's rules in the future, or subject himself to further disciplinary action by the Board, including the possible revocation of his license to practice chiropractic.
- 2. Upon approval by the Board, the President of the Board (or Chair of the Enforcement Committee) and the Executive Director are authorized to sign this order on behalf of the Board.

By signing this Agreed Final Order, Respondent:

1. Agrees to its terms, acknowledges his understanding of it, and agrees that he will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of this Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board; and

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