

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-16-21

## **§30-16-21. Chiropractic corporations.**

(a) One or more individuals, each of whom is licensed to practice chiropractic within this state may organize and become a shareholder or shareholders of a chiropractic corporation. Individuals who may be practicing chiropractic as an organization created otherwise than pursuant to the provisions of this section may incorporate under and pursuant to this section. This section is not intended to amend the statutory or common law as it relates to associations or partnerships, except to allow partnerships of chiropractors to organize as a chiropractic corporation.

(b) A chiropractic corporation may render professional service only through officers, employees and agents who are themselves duly licensed to render chiropractic service within this state. The term "employee" or "agent" as used in this section, does not include secretaries, clerks, typists, paraprofessional personnel or other individuals who are not usually and ordinarily considered by custom and practice to be rendering chiropractic services for which a license is required.

(c) This section does not modify the law as it relates to the relationship between a person furnishing chiropractic services and his or her client, nor does it modify the law as it relates to liability arising out of the professional service relationship. Except for permitting chiropractic corporations this section is not intended to modify any legal requirement or court rule relating to ethical standards of conduct required of persons providing chiropractic services.

(d) A chiropractic corporation may issue its capital stock only to persons who are duly licensed by the board.

(e) When not inconsistent with this section, the organization and procedures of chiropractic corporations shall conform to the requirements of article one, chapter thirty-one of this code.