

SP 3.0 Professional Liability Protection

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Purpose and Objective

As a regulated and primary care provider, it is appropriate to demonstrate professional responsibility in the area of liability protection. The purpose and objective of professional liability protection is to protect patients and practitioners in cases of legal assignment of liability arising from activities and services provided in the course of the practice of chiropractic. As providers of sophisticated and powerful therapeutic interventions it is necessary to recognize that there are risks associated with such interventions, and it is a professional responsibility to provide adequate liability protection in consideration for those risks.

Definition(s)

Every member shall obtain and maintain professional liability insurance as determined by Council, and provide proof of such insurance to the Registrar prior to being issued an annual practice permit, or practice permit, as the case may be.

The 1997 review sets the standard for the professional liability protection for each Alberta member, and is set at a minimum amount of \$2 million per claim, \$4 million aggregate amount year.

Enforceability

Any member identified to the Complaints Director as non-compliant in the Standard of Practice related to professional liability protection is subject to suspension of registration by the Registrar and supported by the Council of the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors. Identification may occur as a result of information normally provided by liability carriers, Practice Visit process, or any other means by which this information may be brought to the attention of the Complaints Director.

