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Breaking News!

Arizona Acupuncturists Get New Scope, Additional methods to Help Our Patients.

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Dear Licensed Acupuncturist,

Governor Ducey signed SB 1080 “Acupuncture; scope of practice; assistants” into law on March 22, 2022, making it the first significant change and expansion of our acupuncture practice in over two decades. These changes allow the Arizona Licensed Acupuncturist to utilize the tools consistent with our medicine more fully, some of which are based on modern innovations, and some based on our traditional practice. All of these are now in place to help us to help our patients.

Additionally, this law helps clarify to third-party payors a complete range of services we are authorized to do, including billing for our initial history and physical examinations. This legislation further defines our practice as medicine and moves us closer to being the physicians of this medicine.

Due to the fact, there were many changes in the scope. We will be sending out a five-part series via email every three days to explain and summarize changes listed in SB 1080. We hope you will find this series helpful in understanding the differences in our new scope of practice.

The law will go into effect in 90 days. We will be working closely with the State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners to work out needed details of Rules and Regulations related to SB1080. There will be additional education and training standards for some of these new modalities. If you don't wish to use them, you don't have to, but they are there to use once training has been completed.

We want to thank Senator Nancy Barto, who sponsored this bill and continues to fight for medical freedom and holistic medicine and its practitioners. Additionally, we would like to recognize and thank our volunteer lobbyist Shannon Whittaker for helping us with this movement. We are also thankful to the board of Directors of Asian Medicine Acupuncturists of Arizona, our state association (AMAAZ), and all other volunteers who made this change possible and continue to work hard to help move this profession forward.

If you would like to read SB 1080 in full, please click [H.SB1080_021522_HHS.pdf \(azleg.gov\)](#). Lastly, if you want to become involved in the AMAAZ Board of Directors and committees, we welcome your interest. AMAAZ will send an email in April with specific information on how to join our Board of Directors and committees. You may reach Dr. Nadine Baldwin, DAC, at Info@AMAAZ.org for more details.

This process reminds me of an old Chinese proverb, “The Harmonious Family Brings Prosperity.” We did this by working together for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,



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1. Defines acupuncture to mean a **system of medicine** (not just needling) based in traditional practices and informed by contemporary science.
2. Adds "prescribing" to our scope for adjunctive therapies and herbal therapies.
3. Allows acupuncturists to use decision-support tools including physical and clinical examinations.
4. Allows acupuncturists to order diagnostic imaging (e.g., x-rays) and clinical laboratory procedures (e.g., bloodwork) to determine care and referral.
5. Allows for an acupuncturist to have an Acupuncture Assistant.
6. Defines adjunctive therapies.
7. Defines herbal therapies.
8. Allows for other modalities dependent upon demonstration of professional standards of care and training and education qualifications, as established by the board in rule for performing a therapeutic modality.
9. Prevents prescribing or administering medicine or drugs, except as allowed pursuant to this chapter.
10. Adds a fingerprint requirement that is required now of all medical boards and which the Acupuncture board asked us to include in this bill.