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TO: Dr. H. J. Morton, President, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

{*34} This has reference to your request for an opinion relating to the practice of chiropractic in the State of New Mexico.

It is provided in Section 23-104 of the 1929 Compilation that the holder of a license to practice chiropractic in this state shall be entitled to,

"diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, deformities or other physical or mental conditions, by the use of any or all methods as herein provided, such as palpating, diagnosing, adjusting and treating diseases, injuries and defects of human beings by the application of manipulative manual and mechanical means, etc."

It is also provided in Section 23-105 of the 1929 Compilation that,

"Chiropractic practitioners shall be required to observe all health and hygiene regulations of this state, and to report all infectious and contagious diseases to the proper health officers."

Chiropractors in this state are authorized, in the opinion of this office, to practice medicine in the State of New Mexico subject to certain restrictions on the character of service which may be performed by chiropractors.

From the foregoing, it is the opinion of this office that chiropractors are eligible to participate in the medical relief program in New Mexico.