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Certified Chelation Exam Grounds for Professional Discipline

Section 1. Introduction

The American College for Advancement in Medicine (ACAM) reserves the right to take disciplinary action against certified practitioners for conduct that is materially related to the practice area under certification, which may include but is not limited to the assignment of remedial education, formal criticism or censure, probation, suspension, and/or revocation of certification. The ACAM certificate technically remains the property of ACAM, and must be surrendered if certification is suspended or revoked.

Section 2. Unethical Behavior

- 2.1 Making false, misleading, or deceptive statements or providing false, misleading, or deceptive information in connection with an application for ACAM certification or recertification, ACAM disciplinary investigation or proceeding, licensure or other professional designation.
- 2.2 Violating ACAM Code of Ethics, Examination Policies, or other regulations or procedures.
- 2.3 Misrepresenting ACAM credentials (i.e. education, training, experience, level of competence, skills, legal history, certification status and/or the legal privileges conferred by the certification).
- 2.4 Engaged in a violation of the protocols and standards of the certified practice area resulting in a finding of liability in a judicial or administrative proceeding.
- 2.5 Advertising false, misleading or deceptive information about the certified practice area.
- 2.6 Obtaining or attempting to obtain compensation or reimbursement regarding the certified practice area by fraud or deceit.
- 2.7 Engaging in negligent billing or recordkeeping for services delivered in the certified practice area.
- 2.8 Performing certified services without obtaining informed consent.
- 2.9 Failing to maintain patient/practitioner confidentiality regarding protected health information related to the certified area.
- 2.10 Engaging in any violation of law, as determined by a final decision of any appropriate Federal or State agency, with regard to laboratory, pharmaceutical, public health or any other violation of law that is materially related to the certified practice area.
- 2.11 Failing to maintain professional boundaries in relationships with patients receiving certified care, or in any way exploiting the practitioner/patient trust.
- 2.12 Engaging in sexual contact with a current patient receiving certified care if the contact commences after the practitioner/patient relationship is established.
- 2.13 Engaging in sexual contact with a former patient who had received certified services unless a period of six (6) months has elapsed since the date that the professional relationship ended. The sexual relationship must not exploit the trust established during the professional relationship.
- 2.14 Violating prevailing standards of the profession in the certified practice area relating to safe, ethical, and/or competent practice.

Section 3. Legal and Disciplinary Matters

- 3.1 Failing to notify ACAM within thirty days of any changes to information submitted in an application pertaining to professional ethics or fitness to practice, including but not limited to any disciplinary actions taken by a school or regulating agency, or any criminal charges, or civil actions that may be relevant to a health care profession or fitness to practice.
- 3.2 Being convicted of a felony.
- 3.3 Being convicted of any violation of a federal, state or local statute, regulation, or ordinance that relates to the practice of any health care profession or my fitness to practice.
- 3.4 Being the subject of final disciplinary action that relates to the practice of any health care profession or my fitness to practice.
- 3.5 Having a license to practice subject to reprimand, limitation, suspension or revocation in any state or jurisdiction.

Section 4. Incompetence

- 4.1 Engaging in conduct that evinces a lack of knowledge of, or lack of ability in, or failure to apply the prevailing principles and/or skills of the practice area for which the individual has been certified.

Section 5. Impairment

- 5.1 Being unable to safely and effectively engage in the certified practice due to substance abuse, physical or psychological impairment.

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