WAC 246-808-625 Public testimonial advertising. (1) Public testimonial advertising includes the use of a statement testifying as to a chiropractor's qualifications, abilities and character, or to the value of chiropractic services.

(2) The use of testimonial advertising shall not be considered false or misleading if the following guidelines are met:

(a) Testimonials must relate to patient care provided within the immediately preceding five-year period.

(b) The testimonial shall be documented by a notarized statement of the patient, a copy of which is kept by both the chiropractor and the patient.

(c) The testimonial must be consistent with the history of the patient's care, including office records, examination reports and X-rays.

(d) Testimonials shall not:

   (i) Be exaggerated or misrepresented;

   (ii) State that a technique or doctor is superior;

   (iii) Claim specific cures;

   (iv) Compare one chiropractor to another;

   (v) Include a named diagnosis.

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