



## **Positions Statements Related to Podiatrists Issued by the Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board**

### **WHAT IS A PODIATRIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN WISCONSIN?**

A podiatrist's scope of practice is defined in section [448.60\(4\)](#) of the Wisconsin statutes. "Podiatry" means that branch or system of the practice of medicine and surgery that involves treating the sick which is limited to conditions affecting the foot and ankle, but does not include the use of a general anesthetic unless administered by or under the direction of a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under [Stat. 448 subch. II](#).

### **HOW LONG MUST PODIATRISTS MAINTAIN PATIENT HEALTH CARE RECORDS?**

A podiatrist must maintain patient health care records on every patient for not less than five (5) years after the date of the last entry or for a longer period as may be otherwise required by law. See [Ch Pod 6](#), Wisc Admin Code for more information about maintaining records.

### **MUST A PERSON WORKING UNDER A PODIATRIST BE A LICENSED RADIOGRAPHER TO PERFORM X-RAYS?**

No. Per the provision granted in Wis. Stats [462.02\(2\)\(f\)](#) and [448.695\(3\)](#), a person working under the *direct on-premise* supervision of a podiatrist may perform X-rays if that person has completed a course on X-ray examination that has been approved by the podiatry affiliated credentialing board.