

## Patient Disclosure for California Senate Bill SB-577 Compliance

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Client Parent Guardian

I, David Leon Cooper, am a holistic Certified Clinical Nutritionist and Holistic Patient Educator. I am not a licensed physician, nor are holistic clinical nutritionist and holistic patient education services licensed by the state. In order to use my services, California state law requires that you acknowledge receipt of the information provided in this form and that you sign it, keep a copy for yourself, and that I keep the one you give me for at least three years. Please complete, sign, and email both pages of this document to [davidcooper7@prodigy.net](mailto:davidcooper7@prodigy.net). My method of service in "holistic clinical nutrition and holistic health education" is alternative or complementary to healing arts that are licensed by the State of California. Under Sections 2053.5 and 2053.6 of California's Business and Professions Code, I can offer you these services, subject to requirements and restrictions that are described fully on pages 2-3. The idea behind "holistic clinical nutrition and holistic health education" is as follows:

- Holistic Clinical Nutrition is the practice of correcting imbalances that cause disease and boosting the immune system by providing the body with optimal amounts of substances which are natural to the body.
- Holistic Patient Education is an "alternative" or "complementary" educational approach to health and wellness which focuses on achieving the appropriate balance required for optimal health in the areas of: lifestyle (diet & nutrition, physical fitness, etc.), mental well-being (stress reduction, healthy relationships, etc.), and spirituality (religious beliefs, personal philosophies, character development). The person is educated to view the self as one or a "whole being," hence the name.

As a practitioner of holistic clinical nutrition, and holistic patient education, I will provide you with personal consultations that are educational in nature. They will be based on your personal needs and unique profile. I may ask you to read an article or book, inform you about certain vitamins, minerals, herbs, or other supplements, and teach you about how certain changes to your lifestyle or outlook may improve your health and wellness. I may show you certain self- assessment techniques such as use of a blood pressure cuff or to palpate (feel) yourself for tenderness in various points. I may also demonstrate urine testing, muscle strength testing, use of crystals, and use of energy testing and balancing systems such as the Spectra Vision or Acmos Method.

My training and education is described below:

- I have a diploma as a Certified Clinical Nutritionist (CCN) from the Indian Board of Alternative Medicine which is affiliated with the Open International University of Complementary Medicines which is recognized by the United Nations Peace University. I also have a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration. I have been certified as a Clinical Specialist in Health Science Education by the American Council for Holistic Medicine. I have received training in the Acmos Method, SpectraVision, Biological Terrain (urine) testing.

If you ever have any concerns about the nature of your self- help education, please feel free to discuss them with me. State law requires that I recommend that you inform your medical doctor that you are receiving "holistic patient education and holistic clinical nutritional services". Please remember that doctors, nutritionists, herbalists, and other medical professionals and health practitioners hold widely varying views. I intend to offer health information to help you cooperate with a competent medical doctor (MD) in your mutual quest for health. In the event you use this information without your medical doctor's (MD's) approval, you prescribe for yourself – then David Leon Cooper assumes no responsibility.

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**Acknowledgement and Consent to Receive Services:**

**I have read and understand the above disclosure about the holistic clinical nutrition, and holistic health education offered by David Leon Cooper and David Leon Cooper's training and education. I have discussed with David Leon Cooper the nature of the services to be provided. I understand that David Leon Cooper is not a licensed physician and that David Leon Cooper's services are not licensed by the state. I understand it is my responsibility to maintain a relationship for myself/my child with a medical doctor. I have consented to use the services offered by David Leon Cooper, and agree to be personally responsible for the fees of David Leon Cooper in connection with the services provided to me.**

**Signature: X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate capacity to sign if other than client:**

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**(Parent or Guardian)**

## **CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL SB-577 - WHAT IT MEANS FOR PATIENTS**

California Senate Bill SB-577, which was signed by the governor in September 2002, has profound implications for the practice of alternative forms of health care in California. SB-577 enables alternative and complementary health care practitioners to provide and advertise their services legally. However, they must also comply with certain requirements specified within the bill. What does Senate Bill SB-577 mean for you, the patient? SB-577 gives you access to alternative and complementary health care practitioners. You must be given information about the nature of treatment and the practitioner's qualifications. Feel free to ask a practitioner any question you might have about your treatment. Check to see if your practitioner has been certified by a professional membership society. In addition, tell your doctor about any alternative treatment you are pursuing. You can also request that your licensed and unlicensed health care providers communicate with each other and work collaboratively to meet your health care needs. SB-577 helps to protect you. SB-577 requires unlicensed alternative health care practitioners to follow certain guidelines and restrictions.

Here are the things that unlicensed alternative practitioners are NOT allowed to do:

- Perform any form of surgery or any procedure that punctures your skin or harmfully invades your body.
- Use X-ray radiation.
- Prescribe prescription drugs, or recommending that you discontinue drugs that were prescribed by a licensed physician.
- Set fractures.
- Treat wounds with electrotherapy.
- Put you at risk of great bodily harm, serious physical or mental illness, or death.
- Imply in any way that they are licensed physicians.

In addition, an unlicensed alternative practitioner MUST DO the following things:

- Provide you with a statement, written in plain language that includes the following information: (1) that they are not a licensed physician and that their services are not licensed by the state; (2) a brief and clear description of the kind of services they provide and the reasoning behind it; and (3) a description of their education, training, and experience.
- Ask you to sign an acknowledgement that you received the above written statement, and provide you with a copy of it. They must also keep a copy of your signed acknowledgement for three years.

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