



TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

September 23, 2008

Dr. John Raymond Baker, BS, DC
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RE: Question regarding primary care providers

Dear Dr. Baker:

This letter is in response to your inquiry dated August 25, 2008 regarding the definition of a "primary care provider." Currently, the Texas Medical Board does not define what constitutes a "primary care provider" under the Medical Practice Act or the Board's rules. Since there is no rule or law subject to the Board's jurisdiction that defines this term, there is not set definition the Board uses; and if the issue were to come up, it would be decided on a on a case-by-case determination.

The term "primary care provider" is used in Texas law, with regard to the Medicaid program and health maintenance organizations under Chapter 533 of the Government Code, and Chapter 843 of the Insurance Code. These laws are applicable to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Insurance respectively; therefore, you may wish to contact those agencies with regard to your inquiry. You may find the specific provisions through the Internet by running a query at <http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/index.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Kaufman".

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