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- 102 While treating a patient, the practitioner shall not make a medical diagnosis, but may provide pattern differentiation according to Traditional Chinese Medicine. If a patient's condition is not improving or a patient requires emergency medical treatment, the practitioner shall consult promptly with a physician.
- 103 Acupuncture may be performed in the state of Mississippi by a physician licensed to practice medicine and adequately trained in the art and science of acupuncture. Adequately trained will be defined as a minimum of 200 hours of AMA approved Category I CME in the field of acupuncture. Such licensed individuals wishing to utilize acupuncture in their practice may do so provided that any and all portions of the acupuncture treatment are performed by the person so licensed and no surrogate is authorized in this state to serve in his or her stead. The practice of acupuncture should follow the same quality of standard that the physician, or any other physician in his or her community, would render in delivering any other medical treatment.
- 104 The Board of Medical Licensure must have on file copies of required CME prior to any Mississippi licensed physician being approved to provide treatment by acupuncture. Licensees approved by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure to practice acupuncture prior to January 2011 shall not be required to meet the aforementioned CME requirements.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §73-71-13 (Rev. 2009)