

Draft VA Committee Recommendations Now Available for Public Comment

The draft report of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Chiropractic Advisory Committee is now available for public comment. These recommendations on the implementation of the congressional mandate to provide chiropractic services as an on-going program-wide benefit will be discussed at the September 16-17 meeting of the Chiropractic Advisory Committee to be held at the headquarters of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. Committee sessions are open to the public.

The full text of the Advisory Committee's draft recommendations may be seen on www.va.gov/primary. (Click on the Committee listing in the dark blue section on the left, and then on the heading titled "draft recommen-

dations". Instructions for submitting comments are in the heading called "draft posting instructions".) The recommendations go into considerable detail on how chiropractic care is to be accessed, how it is provided, how chiropractic and chiropractors are to be housed and integrated into DVA facilities.

"It is vital that everyone within the chiropractic profession, veterans and veterans' organizations respond to these recommendations. This opportunity for input, should not be missed," said Dr. Michael S. McLean, ICA Board Member and member of the DVA Chiropractic Advisory Committee.

Send your comments electronically to the Committee at saramcvicker@mail.va.gov, or mail to: Chiropractic

Advisory Committee, Primary and Ambulatory Care SHG (112), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20420.

Comments received **prior to August 22, 2003** will be compiled for Committee review prior to the September 16-17th meeting. Comments received after that date but prior to the meeting will be provided to the Committee members at the Washington meeting. *Please note that comments sent by US Postal Service take 7-10 days for delivery due to heightened security measures.*

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over, around 10:30 p.m., he will take care of any injuries that have occurred during the evening's performance, which means he will walk out of Caesars Palace around 11:30 p.m.


Dr. Henuset's hours are not just defined with his time on the premises; he's also on-call 24 hours a day. "I've been woken up numerous times by my patients with health problems. When dealing with professional dancers, the first few minutes of an injury can literally mean their careers."

When asked what is his favorite part of the job, Dr. Henuset automatically answers, "The people! Everybody who is connected with this show is great; we're like one big family." He also mentions how the job is never boring. "It's also quite the rush to be called in backstage to provide emergency care to a performer while Celine Dion is singing before thousands of people."

And, what about working for a world-wide-known diva, as well as the toast of Las Vegas? Dr. Henuset reports: "It's amazing how calm and laid back Celine is — not what you picture, when thinking of a diva. And, she's very funny!"

As his dinner arrives at the table at 12:15 a.m. — just 30 minutes after his last patient of the day — it's evident these are not the office hours of a "normal" chiropractor. But, he wouldn't change a thing. "I've got the greatest job in the world!"

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