



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fighting For Our Future

"Of this I am certain, that if we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find that we have lost the future."

Winston Churchill

Usually when I give a presentation to a group of DCs, I make it clear that I am not there for them. I show a couple of pictures of my grandkids and tell them that my purpose for being involved and fighting the battles is so that my grandchildren will have the same chance for a healthy life because of the effort I put forth today.

Never in the history of our profession has the battle for the future been clearer, nor more urgent. President Obama and the Congress will be considering a National Health Care Program that will set the tone for the future delivery of health care in the United States for the next century, and what role chiropractic will play in it, if any. Now is not the time for philosophical debates and finger pointing. Now is not the time for blaming one another for things that happened in the past. Now is the time for every chiropractor in the US to come together for the battle before us.

The ICA is committed to working with any and all chiropractors and chiropractic associations who share our vision of

full inclusion in any national health care program. To that end, the ICA is honored to host the Chiropractic Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 14th, 2009. This historic event will include representatives from over 39 chiropractic organizations, colleges and vendors in a united front for the defense and protection of our profession.

Before, when I visited our nation's capital representing the ICA, elected officials always said, "When you guys all get together, come back and see me." Well, for the first time in the history of our profession, we are all going to be there. They are going to have to come up with another reason this time, or they are going to have to listen.

In addition to hosting the summit, the ICA has launched www.adjustthevote.org, our grass roots effort to mobilize chiropractors and their patients to communicate with their elected officials on behalf of chiropractic. The goal is to have in excess of 100,000 patients signed up by the end of the year. Participation is open to all chiropractors and their

patients, membership in the ICA is not required. This web site will allow participants to communicate directly via email, fax, and/or letter. Doctors will be able to sign their patients up in the office, or the patient may sign up directly. This tool is also being made available to state associations to aid them in state grass roots legislative activities.

ICA's Best Practices Guidelines and the PCCRP X-ray guides have both been sent to the publisher and will be available by the end of May. These documents will help secure the future of how we

practice and have already been praised by hundreds of chiropractors. Once published, several state boards will be considering their adoption.

It is an exciting time for chiropractic. Winston Churchill said, "Anger is a waste of energy. Steam which is used to blow off a safety valve would be better used to drive the engine." This is not the time to blow off a safety valve. This is the time for us to come together to drive the engine. This is the time for us to think and act for the future.

Chiropractic TRICARE Initiative Introduced in New Congress

On January 13, 2009, in one of the first chiropractic initiatives of the new Congressional session, Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL) has re-introduced legislation into the U.S. House of Representatives, HR 484, which would correct a long-overdue inequity in federal health programs by extending chiropractic health care services to U.S. military dependents and retirees through the TRICARE program. This is the third time Rep. Rogers has sponsored this important chiropractic initiative.

Titled the **Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act**, HR 484 provides:

- Not later than August 31, 2009, the Secretary of Defense shall complete development of a plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits, as a permanent part of the

TRICARE program, for covered beneficiaries.

- The plan shall require that a contract entered under section 1097 of title 10, United States Code, for the delivery of health care services shall—

- (1) Include the delivery of chiropractic services;
- (2) Require that chiropractic services may be provided only by a doctor of chiropractic; and
- (3) Provide that a covered beneficiary may select and have direct access to a doctor of chiropractic without referral by another health practitioner.

"ICA strongly supports the extension of chiropractic benefits to TRICARE

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MONTH YEAR

Office Address* _____ Suite _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

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Home Address _____ City _____

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Home Phone (____) _____ Email Address _____

Chiropractic College Attended _____ Grad. Date _____ / _____

Chiropractic licenses held in: _____

• In active practice? Yes No • Former SICA member? Yes No • Former Field member? Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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- Former Student ICA member (FREE) \$ _____
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TOTAL AMOUNT** \$ _____



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