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ICA Calls for Withdrawal of CCGPP "Low Back Best Practices" Document

The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) has called for the withdrawal of the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP) "Best Practices" document. In May 2006, the ICA Board of Directors formed a Presidential Commission to review, comment and make recommendations regarding the CCGPP draft of "Low Back Best Practices." After careful examination of the document, the Committee determined that this draft does not meet the most

odological and procedural flaws in the CCGPP process, the ICA Board of Directors on July 11, 2006 voted to oppose the draft and to ask for its withdrawal.

(See Executive Summary of ICA's Concerns on "Best Practices" draft on page 6 and Dr. Stephen Welsh's commentary on page 3)

The CCGPP document does not meet the most basic needs of the chiropractic patient or the doctor of chiropractic.

basic needs of the chiropractic patient or the practicing doctor of chiropractic. Based on the Committee's analysis and ICA's concern for the many meth-

- Educating the public
- Promoting the principle
- Adjusting the future

Dr. Gerry Clum Elected President of WFC at Johannesburg Meeting

Dr. Gerard W. Clum, who has represented ICA on the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) for 18 years, was elected president of WFC at the annual meeting of the Council (Board of Directors) held in late June in Fourways, a suburb of Johannesburg, South Africa.

The historic meeting, the second ever to be held in Africa, included participation by representatives from each of the regions of the WFC — Africa, Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, Asia, Pacific, South America and North America.

Dr. Clum recently celebrated his 25th year as president of Life Chiropractic West. He is now one of the most senior chiropractic college administrators



Dr. Gerry Clum

in the world, but also has the distinction of being one of the youngest ever to be appointed president of a chiropractic college. Dr. Clum has served ICA in many different capacities. He sat on the ICA Board of Directors till 2000 and was ICA Vice President from 1987-1990. He has been ICA's Representative on the WFC for the past 18 years.

In a January 2001 nationwide survey Dr. Clum was acknowledged as one of the top five leaders of the chiropractic profession. He was recognized as "Volunteer Business Leader of the Year" in

CMS Seeks DC Input on Chiropractic Medicare Demonstration Project

Health policy analysts from the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts have been retained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to conduct an in-depth analysis of the current Medicare chiropractic demonstration project that began in April 2005. The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) has been contacted by this analysis group to assist in the collection of data on the project from the field practitioner's point of view.

The analysts are also contacting other state and national organizations for similar input. According to the CMS news release of November, 2004 this demonstration project was authorized by Congress in 2003 to "...evaluate the feasibility and desirability of covering additional chiropractic services under Medicare beyond the current coverage."

The demonstration project is being

conducted in the states of Maine and New Mexico and portions of Illinois, Iowa and Virginia. The statute authorizing the project specified that the demonstration must include at least four sites, two of which are required to be rural, two urban and in addition, one of the rural and one of the urban sites should be in a health professional shortage area. The project is scheduled to

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