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**COLORADO**

Doctors of chiropractic in Colorado, now numbering over 100, are stepping forward to help firefighters battling the destructive fires that continue to rage throughout the West. The Colorado Chiropractic Association (CCA) provided ICA with the following story:

"In an overwhelming demonstration of goodwill, over 100 Colorado doctors of chiropractic have volunteered their time, talent, and equipment to provide chiropractic care to firefighters and the support staff working on the Colorado wildfires. Chiropractic care is available virtually all day to support staff, but especially during the evening hours after the firefighters return from over 12 hours of grueling work on the fire lines. Three doctors of chiropractic have organized the statewide chiropractic volunteer effort. Dr. David Boyd of Castle Rock (Hayman Fire) worked with Douglas County officials to set up chiropractic care at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Dr. John Warner of Colorado Springs (Hayman Fire) made arrangements with the Salvation Army to make chiropractic care available at the Lake George Fire Department. Dr. Thomas Garcia of Bayfield (Missionary Ridge Fire) has coordinated efforts to provide chiropractic care at Bayfield High School and is actively fundraising and assisting firefighter families in the area. In addition, two Colorado chiropractic suppliers in Denver, Medical Directions and Medical Specialists, donated chiroprac-

tic adjusting tables and other supplies to be used at the Hayman Fire site.

ICA applauds the CCA and all Colorado doctors who have shown such great commitment to service. We strongly encourage all ICA members to respond to this tragic situation and provide assistance and chiropractic care throughout the West as efforts continue to contain these devastating fires.

The Colorado Chiropractic Association can be contacted at: 8751 E. Hampden Avenue #B-7, Denver, CO 80231. Phone: (303) 755-9011 or (800) 829-0339.

**IOWA**

The Iowa chiropractic community is coming together to support the re-election efforts of U.S. Senator Tom Harkin, as this champion of fairness in national health policy faces a strong challenge from Rep. Greg Ganske, MD. In a Senate race where Senator Harkin's support for chiropractic and his commitment to fairness in the health care marketplace and public health policies has become a major point of attack, it is clear that the entire chiropractic profession has a major stake in the outcome of this race.

The International Chiropractors Association Political Action Committee, (ICA-PAC), ICA's political action arm, has enthusiastically endorsed Senator Harkin and financially supported the Senator's effort, and urges all interested in fairness and responsible national

health care policies to do the same.

Senator Harkin was presented with an honorary Doctor of Chiropractic Humanities degree on August 10, 2002 by Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. This well-deserved honor is in recognition of Senator Harkin's years of openness and responsiveness to the needs of chiropractic patients and practitioners alike, and for his courage in leading many successful legislative efforts on chiropractic's behalf. More information on the Harkin Senate campaign is available on the Internet at [www.tomharkin.com](http://www.tomharkin.com).

**NEW YORK**

The New York Chiropractic Council (NYCC), ICA's affiliate organization in the Empire State will hold its annual convention at Ground Zero in New York City, November 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2002. This great event will include a tribute to the chiropractors from around the nation that volunteered at Ground Zero and a reunion that will include recognition from local dignitaries, the American Red Cross and St. Paul's Chapel. Speakers will include Dr. C.J. Mertz, Dr. Bob Braille, Dr. Pat Gentempo, ICA President Dr. D.D. Humber, Dr. David Jackson, Dr. Jim Sigafoose and Dr. Tedd Koren. Programs will be available for continuing education credits.

The Council will also be offering a dinner cruise around Manhattan with music and dancing on Friday evening at no additional cost to the first 100 doctors registered for the convention. ICA encourages doctors from all parts of the nation to support the New York Chiropractic Council in this historic gathering, and, at the same time support the

city that suffered the greatest and gave the most in the wake of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedies.

For more information or to register, call the New York Chiropractic Council at 718-386-3988.

**WISCONSIN**

The Wisconsin Chiropractic Association (WCA) recently announced that it has filed a lawsuit against the state's Chiropractic Examining Board over its failure to properly enforce the ethics laws of the state. In a news release issued July 19, 2002 the Wisconsin Association stated that the Examining Board had approved continuing education programs that benefit Allied Health of Wisconsin even though the chairman of the Examining Board is a member of Allied Health. The ethics law prohibits a member of the examining board from using their position on the board to benefit an organization of which they are a member. The lawsuit asks that the Examining Board properly enforce the ethics rule and that CE hours not be allowed for CE programs that have been improperly approved.

The WCA new release also stated:

*When the laws for continuing education were written, the state limited the sponsorship of CE programs to those organizations that were responsible for the long-term interests of the profession. Medical colleges were also included as program sponsors because of the potential for inter-disciplinary clinical programs. It is very unfortunate but many chiropractic colleges are not following the intent of the law. They abdicate their*

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