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To: CCO Members:

CCO members,

The board would like to thank you for your continued support of our council. As we work with the ACA to protect and expand the role of Chiropractic Physicians in our modern healthcare environment, your support is greatly appreciated. As you hopefully are aware, there are two bills, one in the Senate and one in the House, S. 4042 and H. 2654 respectively, called the "Medicare Coverage Modernization Act". We encourage you to educate your patients, staff, and community about these bills. Here is a link to the ACA's website where you can find talking points about these bills and patient education tools which we encourage you to place in your office <https://www.acatoday.org/advocacy/medicare/>. There is a QR code under the "Resources" tab which the patient can scan to take them to the web page where they can contact their government representative and ask for support of these bills. When these bills are enacted into law, Chiropractors will be able to utilize their full scope of practice in the states in which they practice. In other words, Medicare will then cover examinations, physiotherapies, and other procedures not currently covered by Medicare and it will also allow Chiropractors to order diagnostic imaging. Please, take steps necessary to help get the word out to your communities in support of these bills.

The CCO continues to work in the recognition of board certification and increased scope of practice due to board certification. To that end, we would like to announce that Utah has now adopted a new statute with regards to high school athletic pre-performance examinations (PPE). Last year, the Utah High School Athletic Association removed Chiropractors from their approved PPE provider list. Chiropractors could no longer perform PPE's in the state. This created quite the uproar from Utah Chiropractors who had been performing these examinations for years. Chiropractors approached the Association to be reinstated or see what it would take to be reinstated. A task force was created by the Utah High School Athletic Association to review this policy and to see if they could find a way to certify that Chiropractic Physicians could be qualified as proficient to continue performing these exams and be reinstated to the PPE list. After several months of research, a suitable solution was not found. Dr. McKnight, the CCO president, was contacted by the task force as a resource to see if a solution/resolution could be found. After several meetings, Dr. McKnight not only educated the task force regarding the education that Doctors of Chiropractic obtain through accredited Chiropractic Institutions, he also educated the task force about board certification within Chiropractic, similar to board certification within the medical model. He also discussed that through board certification, and maintenance of credentialing, Chiropractors can demonstrate that they have undergone advanced training and that they maintain those credentials. As this is how MD's and DO's already practice, it made sense to the task force that this would be an appropriate course of action to ensure the quality and education of the providers performing the PPEs. A proposal to add the qualifier that all physicians must be board certified by a certification board recognized by the ACA was presented to the Association. Subsequently, the Utah High School Athletic Association adopted the policy that all providers (DC, MD, and DO) who wish to perform PPE's must be board certified and maintain their credentials. They have reinstated Chiropractors to the approved PPE provider list with the caveat that all Chiropractors in the state of Utah must be board certified by 2025 to continue to be able to perform



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these PPEs. This will allow three years for Chiropractors who are not currently board certified to become so.

The interesting part of the new rule in Utah is that ALL providers (DC, MD, and DOs) must be board certified. They are applying the rule to all providers. Thus, there is no discrimination. Board certification, and maintenance of credentials, is the requirement. To our knowledge, this is the first time that any state has allowed board certification and maintenance of credentialing to expand practice for Chiropractors in a state. If you are aware of this happening in other states, please let our board know. We hope that other states will follow suit and recognize the need for board certification.

We have started CCO scholarships for students who wish to pursue Board Certification in Orthopedics. We awarded 4 students this year. We hope to continue helping students see the value of the CCO and the positive changes we can have in our profession. Please follow this link to our scholarship information on the CCO's website <https://www.ccodc.org/> and click on the banner in red "Chiropractic Student Scholarship".

Exciting things are happening in our profession, and within the specialty of Chiropractic Orthopedics. There is much work still to be done. As such, we are looking for members of our council to serve on our board. If you are interested in helping Chiropractic and Chiropractic Orthopedics maintain and expand our scope, please let us know. We are seeking 5-10 board members to help in our efforts. Our profession needs more like-minded individuals who can make a huge difference in our current healthcare system and for generations of Chiropractic Orthopedists to come. We are also seeking a student ACA member, who is a member of the CCO, to serve as a student liaison. If any students are interested in helping the work go forward, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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