

Patient Advocacy Group / Michigan Association of Chiropractors

Patients in most of the 49 other states are allowed to receive the full range of chiropractic services. Patients in Michigan cannot. YOU can help improve this situation by contacting your state legislators. Just put an "X" in the boxes by the paragraphs you wish to send, fill out the contact information (required) at the bottom of the page, return it to your doctor or the chiropractic staff, and we will send an email message and/or letter to your state lawmakers. Thank you.

I am writing to respectfully ask you to support chiropractic scope of practice restoration legislation.

- As a chiropractic patient, I believe that this legislation would greatly improve Michigan's health care system by restoring chiropractic services to the level enjoyed by patients before the re-write of the Public Health Code in the late 1970s.
- Patients in all of our surrounding states benefit from a full range of chiropractic services. In Michigan, however, patients such as myself have limited access to necessary services that doctors of chiropractic are highly trained and educated to perform.
- The use of chiropractic care has tripled in the past two decades. As the popularity of chiropractic as a non-surgical, drug-free approach to health care continues to increase, I believe that it is critical that doctors of chiropractic in Michigan be allowed to practice as they are educated and trained.
- The proposed scope legislation would ensure that chiropractic care remains safe and effective. It does not allow doctors of chiropractic to prescribe or dispense drugs or perform surgery. Nationally, incidents of chiropractic malpractice are almost non-existent and chiropractic care is included in a large majority of HMOs and private health insurance plans.
- As well as improving public health, I also believe that increased access to chiropractic care would help reduce health care costs. There are numerous objective, scientific studies that prove that overall health care costs are lower for chiropractic patients. As health care dollars become more and more scarce, chiropractic care must be a more available option.
- I also believe that increasing access to chiropractic services would greatly benefit Michigan's business community. Increased access would boost business profitability by getting workers back on the job faster.
- Perhaps most importantly, this legislation would not become an additional mandate on Michigan employers or insurance companies.

For the above reasons, I respectfully ask you to support chiropractic scope restoration legislation.

Fill out all information, Thank you.

First name _____ Last name _____

E-mail address _____ Street Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

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