



Contact Your Legislators About The Patient Equity Act
End Discrimination in No-Fault and Workers' Comp

Michigan law allows auto no-fault and workers compensation insurance carriers to refuse to pay for services provided by your chiropractor, just because they were (legally) performed by a chiropractor. Legislation to end this discrimination against chiropractic patients and their providers – **Senate Bills 282 and 283**, the **Patient Equity Act** – has been introduced in the Michigan Senate.

Use this form to choose the points you want to emphasize, and the Michigan Association of Chiropractors will send an email (or letter) to your state senator (and eventually state representative, once the bill passes the Michigan Senate) on YOUR BEHALF.

I am contacting you today regarding Senate Bills 282 and 283, the Patient Equity Act.

- Michigan's Workers' Compensation Act and the Michigan Automobile No-Fault Act currently allow insurers to refuse to reimburse licensed chiropractic physicians for services legally provided under the state's chiropractic scope of practice, even though they pay other providers, such as MDs or DOs, for the same services.
- As a chiropractic patient, I am concerned that allowing insurers to refuse to pay for services lawfully delivered based on nothing more than the type of provider who performed the service artificially interferes with my choice of health care provider.
- Lack of reimbursement for these services forces chiropractic patients like me to make very difficult choices, including foregoing the care altogether, paying out-of-pocket for a benefit that is covered by the insurer, or seeking riskier and more expensive care, often including opioid painkillers or surgery.
- With the opioid epidemic facing our state, restricting patient options when it comes to accessing conservative, low-risk, drug- and surgery-free chiropractic care, which studies have shown to be very cost effective when compared to medical care for the same conditions, just doesn't make sense.
- As long as patients continue to experience the conditions chiropractors treat, and those services remain covered benefits, the effect of decreased access to chiropractic care results in an increase in costs, as patients are funneled to riskier, more invasive, higher-cost treatments.
- There is no good reason to allow MDs, DOs, PTs, OTs, MTs, and other provider groups to be reimbursed for these services, while licensed chiropractors, lawfully rendering the exact same services, are not.
- Passage of SBs 282 and 283 will promote patient choice and fair competition, while controlling skyrocketing health care costs.

For these reasons, I humbly ask you to support the Patient Equity Act, Senate Bills 282 and 283.

All of the following information is required. Thank you.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Email Address: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

***Confidentiality Statement:** The above information is needed to send your message to the correct legislators. It will be strictly maintained and will not be used for any other purposes or shared with anyone other than the Michigan Association of Chiropractors for the purpose of sending a message to your state senator and eventually state representative on this issue. If you have an e-mail address, we may send you periodic updates regarding this issue and other health care issues that affect you as a chiropractic patient. If you do not have an email address, we'll send the above message to your legislator by U.S. mail.*

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