

## News in Brief

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### Expanding Chiropractic Benefits to Military Personnel

Two nearly identical bills, HR 999 and HR 1594, were recently introduced in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, in an attempt to establish a permanent chiropractic benefits program in the massive federal TRICARE health program. TRICARE provides approximately 8 million Department of Defense (DoD) personnel - including military retirees, dependents, and survivors - with health care benefits. The program covers all seven of the U.S. uniformed services.

Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) introduced HR 999 on March 1, 2005; Rep. Jeb Bradley (R-N.H.) and Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.) introduced HR 1594 on April 13, 2005. The Rogers bill is a modified version of HR 3476, introduced by then-Rep. Ed Schrock (R-Va.) in the previous congressional session.

The text of both HR 999 and HR 1594 stipulate that the "Secretary of Defense develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits as part of the TRICARE program."

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### Logan VP of Academic Affairs Announces Retirement

William Ramsey, PhD, vice president of academic affairs at Logan College, recently announced that he would retire later this year. Dr. Ramsey, who has held the position for 24 years, will remain on campus on a part-time basis until the end of 2005, and advise the college as it gets ready for its 2006 re-accreditation review by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE).

During his tenure, Dr. Ramsey oversaw Logan's academic, clinical, student services, and admission departments. As the college's chief academic officer, he functioned as Logan's liaison to professional and regional accrediting agencies, and to state and national chiropractic examining boards.

Prior to joining Logan, Dr. Ramsey spent eight years on the executive board of the Accrediting Commission on Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Logan's regional accrediting agency. His vast experience also includes two terms on the board of directors of the CCE.

Known for wearing a bow tie and cowboy boots, Dr. Ramsey was well-respected on the Logan campus. "Dr. Ramsey brought a true synergy to make things happen at Logan," said Logan President George A. Goodman, DC, FICC. "Everyone on campus has been touched in some way by the man in the bow tie."

Kenneth L. Beck, EdD, will take over as chief academic officer. Dr. Beck joined Logan in 2004 as director of institutional assessment, and recently has taken on duties as academic dean. Before

coming to Logan, Dr. Beck was president of St. Louis Christian College for nine years.

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#### Parker Dean of Academic Affairs Elected AVCA President

Dr. Gene Giggleman, dean of academic affairs of Parker College of Chiropractic, is the new president-elect of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) Cabinet.

Dr. Giggleman, a licensed and practicing veterinarian since 1981, will serve until the AVCA Annual General Meeting in fall 2007.

Established in 1989, the AVCA promotes animal chiropractic to professionals and the public, and also serves as the certifying agency for doctors of chiropractic and doctors of veterinary medicine trained in animal chiropractic.

Parker College is currently one of only three programs in the country that offers instruction in chiropractic treatment for animals. Dr. Giggleman helped to create and implement the program, which prepares successful program participants to sit for the AVCA certification exam.

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