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Status Update: Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act Passes 100 Co-Sponsors

Editor's Note: This article has been updated as of Aug. 29, 2023, to reflect co-sponsor totals for both versions of the legislation on that date.

What's the status of H.R. 1610 and S. 799, the respective House and Senate versions of the Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act reintroduced earlier this year in the 118th Congress?

As of Aug. 29, H.R. 1610 had 103 bipartisan co-sponsors (49 Republican, 54 Democrat); while S. 799 had eight bipartisan co-sponsors (four Republican, four Democrat). H.R. 1610 had been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health; S. 799 had been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act would "amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare coverage for all physicians' services furnished by doctors of chiropractic within the scope of their license, and for other purposes." In the previous (117th) congressional session, the House version of the legislation reached 155 co-sponsors, while the Senate version achieved only six co-sponsors. Stay tuned!

WFC Global Patient Safety Initiative

The World Federation of Chiropractic recently announced a new initiative "aimed at reducing incidents and improving the safety culture across the chiropractic profession." The Global Patient Safety (GPS) initiative will be overseen by the WFC Research Committee and include a scoping review, identification of best practices in incident reporting and learning, risk management in chiropractic practice and knowledge translation activities.

“While we know that serious adverse events are rare, patients with multiple co-morbidities and known risk factors require special attention,” commented WFC Secretary-General Prof. Richard Brown, DC, LLM. “The WFC GPS Task Force will highlight key areas of patient safety to support chiropractors, build and strengthen the existing safety culture and help to meet the expectations of patients and the public.”

CUKC Announces New Certificate Program in Sports Performance

Cleveland University - Kansas City has announced a new graduate certificate in sports performance. Offered beginning this fall, the 12-credit-hour program is being offered in eight-week modules through the CUKC College of Health Sciences, and focuses on exercise physiology, biomechanics, strength and conditioning, nutrition and sports performance, injury prevention and rehabilitation, performance analysis, psychology and mental skills training, and sports medicine.

“Graduate-level coursework of this kind will provide individuals with additional expertise in sports performance, and can open doors to more opportunities with sports teams, fitness centers, rehabilitation clinics, and performance enhancement centers,” said Dr. Diane Bartholomew, CUKC vice president of academic affairs. “The specialized knowledge acquired from our certificate curriculum can set candidates apart from the competition during job applications and interviews, increasing their chances of securing employment.”

In other Cleveland University - Kansas City news, the institution recently announced an agreement with Central Methodist University whereby CUKC students enrolled in the BS in Exercise Science program are eligible for early review for the Master of Science in Athletic Training offered by Central Methodist’s School of Health Professions.

Per terms of the agreement, two class seats will be reserved annually for CUKC students who meet the application criteria for enrolling in the Central Methodist University MS program.

Oklahaven 2023 "Have-a-Heart" Winners

Dr. Paul Fisher of Fisher Chiropractic Clinic in Miami, Fla., and Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, S.C., are the clinic and college “Golden Heart” winners, respectively, for raising the most funds during this year’s “Have-a-Heart” campaign. The annual Valentine’s week campaign by Oklahaven Children’s Chiropractic Center is designed to raise money for the nonprofit center while promoting the value of chiropractic care for children, particularly children with serious illnesses.

To learn more about Oklahaven, the “Have-a-Heart” campaign or make a donation to the children’s center, visit www.chiropractic4kids.com.

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