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CHIROPRACTIC INTERESTS URGED TO PERSONALLY VISIT WITH HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS DURING SUMMER WORK PERIOD

Critical election year seen as opportunity to make voices heard as health reform is implemented

Both the US House of Representatives and the US Senate are currently on an extended constituency work period. This is the optimal time for state chiropractic organizations and individual DCs to seek face-to-face meetings with Congressional representatives and the Chiropractic Summit Government Relations Committee urges you to make this a top priority through August and into the first two weeks of September.

The chiropractic profession needs to communicate to House and Senate members from both parties that we are looking to them to protect the openness, inclusiveness and objectivity of the health reform implementation process. More specifically, we need to challenge legislators by letting them know we are looking to them to be personally active in defending us and the patients we serve during the implementation process. We want their support in defeating efforts to repeal the provider anti-discrimination section, Section 2706 of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)*, and that we will also be looking for their support in the appointment of objective members of the commission established under the health care reform act to determine minimum essential benefits. Members of this commission will be appointed by the President in the coming months.

Other issues to be addressed during your visits:

- For U.S. House of Representatives members: **Cosponsor HR 6032**. HR 6032 directs the federal government to begin the commissioning of DCs into the U.S. Public Health Service Uniformed Corps. Bill is sponsored by Reps. Gene Green (D-TX) and Lee Terry (R-NE).
- For U.S. Senate members: **Cosponsor S 1204**. S 1204 is the Senate companion to a bill that passed the House in May, with overwhelming support, phasing in chiropractic to all Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facilities by 2013. Bill is sponsored by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA).

If you have questions or need help in securing appointments with your federal legislators, please feel free to contact any of the organizations listed on the left hand side of this document. **DO NOT MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUR HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS ON BEHALF OF CHIROPRACTIC!**