

Access to Chiropractic Care

The chiropractic profession is widely recognized for the positive contribution it makes to our nation's health delivery system. It is now estimated that over 20 million Americans seek treatment from a doctor of chiropractic each year. These patients seek this care, because they believe that chiropractic care has value and a positive impact on their health status. Patient satisfaction with chiropractic providers is extremely high.

Despite the growing popularity and acceptance of chiropractic care, some barriers to obtaining chiropractic services remain in both the private and public sectors. I applaud and support efforts to remove these barriers and to equip consumers with the means and ability to obtain the type of health care services they need and desire – including chiropractic care. . Patients should have the freedom to access chiropractic services – without the burden or expense of having to go through another provider.

I am encouraged that Congress has recently enacted legislation requiring that chiropractic care be made available in the Department of Defense and Veteran's health care systems. This step is long overdue. As President of the United States, I will work towards further integrating chiropractic care into these systems -- and into all federal health care programs and systems where chiropractic care is excluded or not adequately provided.