



**ACA LEGISLATIVE ALERT BULLETIN – TIME SENSITIVE – IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED**

**TO:** ACA Key Contacts  
Chiropractic State Associations  
Summit Organizations  
ACA Delegates and Alternates  
ACA Board of Governors

**FROM:** ACA Department of Government Relations

**RE:** National Health Reform – Provider Non-Discrimination Issue

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**BACKGROUND:**

Please be advised that Representative Mike Ross (D-Arkansas) prominent leader of the House “Blue Dog” Coalition of centrist Democrats, is sending a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, urging that the final version of national health reform legislation to be brought to the floor of the U.S. House for a vote, retain an amendment agreed to in the House Energy & Commerce Committee that seeks to preserve the applicability of state enacted provider non-discrimination laws favorable to chiropractic and other non-MD providers.

The “Ross Amendment” states:

*"Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act (or any amendment made by the Act), this Act (and any amendment made by this Act) shall not supersede laws, as they now or hereinafter exist, of any State or jurisdiction designed to prohibit a health plan or insurer from discriminating with respect to participation, reimbursement, covered services, indemnification, or related requirements under a health plan or other health insurance coverage against a provider who is acting within the scope of that provider's license or certification under applicable State law."*

Additionally, the Ross letter urges the adoption of a similar federal non-discrimination provision in any final legislation to be voted on by the U.S. House.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

**Immediately contact [Democrat Members of the U.S. House](#) from your district and/or State -- and urge they join as co-signers onto the Ross Letter to Speaker Pelosi.**

Please note: members of the House of Representatives that agree to add their names as signatories to the letter should contact: Kate Callanan, Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Mike Ross @ 202-225-3772.

**REMEMBER – THIS IS A TIME SENSITIVE MATTER – PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY**