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ACA State Affiliation Program

FAQs

Q: What is the purpose of the ACA State Affiliation program?

A: The ACA State Affiliation (Affiliation) Program allows individual state chiropractic organization to work cooperatively and collaboratively with ACA in an alliance to collegially share thoughts and ideas for the collective advancement of the chiropractic profession. Most importantly, an ACA affiliate state has a seat in the ACA's governing body, the House of Delegates (HOD) where the state affiliate representative has a standing vote and can participate in shaping ACA policy.

Q: Why is membership in the Affiliation program an important tool to assist state organizations and ACA?

A: Having both national and state level perspectives in legislative advocacy, insurance issues, marketing, membership, and education shared in one forum will benefit all groups tremendously. Advocacy on behalf of the profession and our patients will be enhanced and better coordinated on both the state and national level.

Q: Why should a state chiropractic organization become an Affiliate?

A: Membership in the Affiliate program will allow a state organization to participate in a collaborative partnership with ACA and other member organizations and play an integral role in the profession's collective advocacy efforts as outlined above. The state association will gain significant support for its individual initiatives and will enjoy enhanced credibility and relevance as a member of this larger group. Finally, there is potential for increasing membership in both the state association and the ACA.

Q: Are all State Chiropractic Organizations eligible to become an Affiliate?

A: The state association must have an organizational mission and vision that is largely compatible with that of ACA in order to be eligible for membership. The state association must also have a desire to work in a collaborative partnership, as noted above, for the greater good of the profession.

Q: Will a state association have to give up any kind of control in order to participate in shared activities?

A: Not at all. The Affiliation program is intended to enhance advocacy initiatives and provide a mutual benefit and support for all participating organizations. There will be no shared governance requirements between ACA and member organizations. ACA will provide some administrative functions to support the program, however ACA has no intent or desire to control member state associations.

Q: Is there a fee to join?

A: No, there is no fee to join either the Affiliation program. However, if a state chooses to become part of the Affiliation program, the state must cover any expenses incurred when traveling to an in-person ACA HOD meeting (currently, only one is scheduled annually, most often at the Engage conference in Washington, DC).

Q: The profession already has ChiroCongress. How is the Affiliate program different?

A: The ChiroCongress mission (as stated on their website) is “Advancing the Chiropractic profession through service to member organizations.” The specific purpose of the Affiliation program is to enhance and better coordinate advocacy efforts and initiatives on both the state and national level to the benefit of the profession and our patients.

Q: Does the formation of either the Affiliation program signal a change in the relationship between ChiroCongress and ACA?

A: Not at all, ACA respects ChiroCongress as a valued national partner and continues to support its vision and role in the profession.

Q: What is the hope for the Affiliate program going forward?

A: Ultimately, the hope is that through the Affiliation program, chiropractic organizations from every state will engage in a true collaborative partnership with ACA similar to the state to national organizational relationships that already exist in most other health care professions. This alliance will strengthen the position of the chiropractic profession within the health care community to benefit the profession and the patients we serve.

Further Questions?

Visit the ACA State Affiliation webpage at <https://www.acatoday.org/advocacy/engage-with-aca/state-affiliate-program/> or Contact John Falardeau at ACA jfalardeau@acatoday.org