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Robert F. Kennedy Jr.  
Chairman  
Children's Health Defense  
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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On behalf of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA), I want to congratulate you on your recent nomination to become secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACA is the largest professional organization in the United States representing doctors of chiropractic (DCs). ACA members lead the chiropractic profession through collaborative relationships in public health, support for research and evidence-based practice, and the active reporting of functional outcome assessment measures to ensure the health and well-being of the estimated 35 million Americans who seek chiropractic care each year.

As you may know, there is legislation in both the House and the Senate to ensure Medicare beneficiaries have access to Medicare-covered services that chiropractors are allowed to provide under their state scope of practice. Since 1972, beneficiaries have had access to only one service, "manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation," in a chiropractic clinic. The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act (H.R. 1610 and S. 799) would change this by allowing Medicare beneficiaries full access to services chiropractors are allowed to provide under their state licensure. This bill is designed to increase access to effective non-drug approaches to pain management, save the government from paying for unneeded procedures and surgeries, and help to alleviate the opioid scourge that continues to grip our nation and destroy lives.

ACA is intrigued by reported initiatives by the new administration to restructure the way physicians are reimbursed, by reforming the decades-old formula for applying Medicare billing codes. ACA believes in equal reimbursement for equal services—regardless of provider type—as long as those services are recognized by the state and allowed under a practitioner's license. Looking into making the current system more equitable in this regard is indeed encouraged.

Please consider ACA a resource to the new administration in respect to complementary and integrative health care. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff in Washington to discuss these issues further and offer solutions to better serve the patient public. Our point person in Washington is John Falardeau, ACA Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy. You can reach him at [jfalardeau@acatoday.org](mailto:jfalardeau@acatoday.org) or (703) 812-0214.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Bronston', written over a horizontal line.

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