



Bipartisan Legislation to Ensure Chiropractic Coverage in Tricare for Military Retirees, Dependents, and Survivors

February 14, 2018, Falls Church, VA: Congressmen Mike D. Rogers (R-AL) and David Loebsack, (D-IA) introduced HR 4973 the Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act. This legislation seeks to implement a permanent inclusion of chiropractic services through Tricare to military retirees, their dependents and survivors. The legislation will require access to chiropractic, without a referral from other health providers. The legislation covers chiropractic care and confirms Congress's position that chiropractic care does not include surgery or drugs.

Beth Clay, Director of Government Relations stated, "The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) supports this legislation. It is past time those who have served our nation and their families should be ensured access to chiropractic care through their Tricare insurance. Congressman Rogers has introduced this important legislation nine times since 2003. Last session, Congress instructed the Administration to study the feasibility expanding chiropractic coverage in Tricare beyond active duty members to also include retirees, dependents and survivors. We will be asking every member of Congress to co-sponsor this bill and help it become law."

"Congress has expanded access to chiropractic in both DOD and VA hospitals; expanding access through Tricare is needed to insure access for all our retirees; their dependents and survivors." stated Dr. George Curry, President of ICA. He continued, "Expanding this access is important in the nation's strategy to reduce the reliance on opioids for pain management."

The ICA is the world's oldest, continually operating international chiropractic professional organization representing practitioners, students, chiropractic assistants, educators, and lay persons world-wide. The ICA was founded in 1926 in Davenport, Iowa by Dr. B. J. Palmer. We are dedicated to the growth and development of the chiropractic profession based on Dr. Palmer's commitment to professional and clinical excellence and, the fundamental principle of chiropractic as a unique, separate, distinct, and drugless health care profession.

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