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HSCA meets on Big Island in Kona, May 24, 2018



HSCA meets on Kauai in Lihue, July 14, 2018

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HSCA'S ISLAND VISITATION PROJECT 2018
FIRST HILO & KONA, THEN LIHUE, NEXT WAILUKU!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Joseph G Morelli Jr DC FICC, HSCA President & ACA Hawaii Delegate

Aloha All:

The HSCA has been active doing our usual behind the scenes work, trying to keep ahead of both local and national issues that will affect our professions and the patients we serve.

Mahalo to all who participated in the recent HSCA annual elections. Please see below, the listing and contact information of our 2018-2019 HSCA Board of Directors.

I want to thank all of you that made the effort to attend our neighbor island visits that we started several months ago. They have been very successful so far. It has been really wonderful seeing many of you in-person, as well as the newer docs whom we had yet to meet.

Another big thanks to all who hosted our meetings: Drs. Bob & Rachel Klein and Dr. John Kim in Hilo; Drs. Al Police & Al Valenzuela in Kona; and Drs. Ryo, Alice & Cyrus Ogawa in Kauai.

We have just scheduled our next face-to-face meeting that will be held at the office of Dr. Jim Pleiss in Wailuku, Maui on September 15th at 1:00pm.

All the Maui Chiropractors are invited, whether you are an HSCA member or not. In fact, even if you are not practicing on Maui, you are welcome to attend!

For our Oahu docs, please watch for a notice in your eMail and in future newsletters for dates and times. Since Oahu has the majority of the DCs in Hawaii, we are planning to hold 3 separate meetings and locations. We are looking to hold one East, West and Windward.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about a practice or professional issue, please do not hesitate to give me a call on the HSCA telephone line. I will be happy to do what I can to help! **HSCA: (808) 926-8883**

BTW: Dr Gary Saito & I will be holding an informational meeting in Wailuku, Maui on **Sat., 09/15/18 at 1:00pm.**

Light Luncheon Served. All are welcome! *E Komo Mai*
Aloha,

Dr. JOE Morelli

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**VA ALLOWS CHOICE PROVIDERS TO FUNCTION AS
PC3 NETWORK**

Starting August 3, 2018, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will allow TriWest to use providers registered for the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) to render services under the Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) Program. This change allows for a broader network footprint, increased access to care, and improved continuity of care for Veterans!

What are the main things you need to know about this modification?

- VA now allows TriWest to use Choice registered providers to render services when a referral is received under PC3 for up to 12 months. Within 12 months, Choice providers must be fully credentialed and contracted under PC3 to allow continued use.
- TriWest is updating its authorization letters to reflect these contract modifications. If you are not familiar with a PC3 authorization letter, they include a 7079 (outpatient) and 7078 (inpatient) consult forms from the supervising VA medical center (VAMC).
- Medical documentation requirements between both programs are aligning:
 - Inpatient medical documentation (discharge summary) shall be submitted within 30 days for both PC3 and VCP.
 - All providers must submit general outpatient medical documentation (initial evaluation and summary of care) within 30 days.
 - Providers should upload medical documentation via TriWest's secure Provider portal. This allows each VAMC to assess clinical need and ensure coordination of care.
 - For more information on specific timeframes, please refer to the TriWest PC3 Provider Handbook and Medical Documentation Quick Reference Guide, which are available online.

For more information on the VCP or PC3 programs, including how to use TriWest's secure portal, the authorization process, claims submission and medical records/documentation

requirements, join one of our free training webinars, review our Provider Handbook or download one of several Quick Reference Guide tools located in the TriWest Payer Space on www.availability.com or www.triwest.com/provider Additional questions? Please contact TriWest's Provider Services at: 1-866-606-8198 or ProviderServices@triwest.com

ACA ADDS MUSCLE TO MEDICARE PARITY EFFORTS WITH HIRING OF TOP LOBBYING FIRM

Editor's Note:

The Chiropractic profession has been unfairly treated as a second-class physician provider ever since the Medicare program became law. The regulation does not take into consideration the breadth and depth of our education and clinical skills.

The ACA has taken up the cause to right this inequity for our profession and the patient's we serve. It has been an uphill battle in the congress and federal government.

The ACA is now broadening its approach to the situation. This is a positive step towards getting rid of the artificial limitations placed on our care for the Medicare population.

By correcting and updating the Medicare regulations, this will have a broad effect on most third-party healthcare programs as well. As it is well known, that the Medicare model is the basis for many of the Federal and private programs.

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) has hired the Capitol Hill Consulting Group (CHCG) to add extra strength to its efforts to pass federal legislation that would provide parity to chiropractors by allowing them to perform to the fullest scope of their license in Medicare.

ACA chose to work with CHCG, which is a Washington, D.C.-based, bipartisan government relations firm, because of its strong contacts in the health care arena and, more specifically, within the powerful U.S. House Ways and Means Committee - which will play a vital role in helping any pro-chiropractic Medicare legislation to gain momentum in Congress.

"Passage of a pro-chiropractic Medicare bill is ACA's No. 1 legislative priority. The Capitol Hill Consulting Group will give our lobbying team the added resources they need to achieve success for our members and their patients," said ACA President N. Ray Tuck, Jr., DC.

CHCG's other clients include major health care groups such as the American Heart Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Among its objectives while working with ACA, CHCG will focus on activating and supporting current chiropractic champions in Congress, breaking down any barriers among members of House Ways and Means Committee , recruiting cosponsors and finding other targets of opportunity that could bolster the chances of a pro-chiropractic Medicare bill getting passed.

The federal Medicare program, which serves as a model for private insurance plans, currently serves more than 55 million individuals. Various projections forecast the number of people age 65 or older increasing by about one-third over the next decade. Beneficiaries are currently covered for only one chiropractic service (spinal manipulation) and must either pay out of pocket or seek care from other types of providers for additional chiropractic services. For more information, visit www.acatoday.org/equality

NEW BILL IN CONGRESS FOR CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & DEPENDENTS

By: Joseph G Morelli Jr DC FICC, HSCA President & ACA Hawaii Delegate

Through the efforts of the American Chiropractic Association action on the Hill, **H.R. 4973, the Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act**, was introduced by Reps. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) and Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa).

If passed, this law would require the U.S. Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to allow any beneficiary covered under TRICARE (the health plan coverage for the Military & their dependents, retirees and beneficiary survivors) to select and have direct access to a Chiropractic physician.

Currently, only some active-duty members are afforded the Chiropractic benefit at a base healthcare clinic that has a Doctor of Chiropractic on staff. Recent count is 90 DC's working at only 62 military related clinics out of 412 major clinics in the country.

Currently, considering Active Duty Military & their families, Tricare covers 9.4 MILLION eligible beneficiaries.

Hawaii has the largest number of Active Duty Military & Dependents of any state in the U.S. Recent Pentagon figures show over 100,000 residing here at any one time! This is almost 9% of the population of our state!

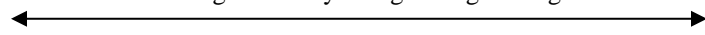
Many of us currently treat the military and their families. Imagine the potential increase for this demographic if our services were paid for by their health plan!

ACA is directly lobbying on Capitol Hill with all the Congressman they can reach. Initial responses have been very positive from Congress, especially in the light of the "Opioid Crisis" and it's far reaching effects into everyday society.

In the future, you may be called upon to contact your Congressman and put in your positive words for this action. The most powerful effect on an elected politician is hearing from the people who can vote for them.

The HSCA, as your professional voice here in Hawaii, will keep you in the loop when and if local action is needed. If we call on you, please make the effort to respond with the action we need. You may be asked to do something as simple as send an e-mail or click on a weblink that shows your support for this cause.

We have nothing to lose by doing the right thing.



>>>HSCA ON MAUI FOR MEETING<<<

Update on Chiropractic in HI Now and in the Future

DATE: September 15, 2018 (Saturday) Time: 1:00pm

PLACE: Longevity Health Center (office of Dr. James Pleiss)

2045 Main Street

Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793

Light Luncheon Served

Meeting open to ALL DC's. Non-HSCA members

WELCOME! We are looking forward to seeing old

Friends and meeting new ones! Please call on us at

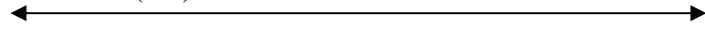
the meeting to help with problems and concerns.

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PRESENTER: John F. Barns, PT

DATE: September 7-9, 2018

PLACE: Alohilani Resort (Waikiki)

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WEB: www.MyofascialRelease.com

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CALL: (808) 285-0051

<====>>>>12 HOUR SEMINAR (1 day)<<<<<

CEU's for HAWAII *(Index#: HI-18-111)*

Digital Radiology, Scoliosis Technique & Ethics

By: Victor Tong, DC, DACBR

Rick Morris, DC, CCSP, ABAAHP

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018 Fee: \$200

Time: Start at 8:00 am thru to 8:00 pm

Place: Royal Lahaina Resort, Maui

Register: Call: (626) 383-5754 Fax: (626) 913-3013

See Reg. Form insert in this newsletter

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