



# CHIROPRACTIC NEWS & VIEWS

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**THE HSCA EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR CHIROPRACTIC FAMILY  
IN THIS SEASON OF THANKS AND GIVING.**

FONDEST ALOHA FROM PRESIDENT DR. GARY SAITO, AND THE HSCA BOARD/DIRECTORS.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** TO BE HELD ON:

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 VIA ZOOM.**

THIS IS AN **ALL-ELECTRONIC** MEETING, USING YOUR COMPUTER OR TABLET OR SMARTPHONE.

A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WE WILL SEND OUT AN **EMAIL** NOTICE TO YOU WITH THE CONNECTION LINK. YOU MAY ALSO DIAL IN VIA TELEPHONE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CONNECT WITH THE VIDEO LINK VIA COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE. WE WILL ALSO POST THE INFO ON THE

HSCA WEB PAGE: [www.HAWAIISTATECHIROPRACTICASSOCIATION.ORG](http://www.HAWAIISTATECHIROPRACTICASSOCIATION.ORG)

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:  
HSCA IS TRYING TO CONNECT**

*By: Dr. Gary K. Saito, D.C., Pres., Hawaii State Chiropractic Association*

The HSCA is the official voice of Chiropractic in our state. All Doctors of Chiropractic have the opportunity to share in our community via our association. We welcome your participation in our events, whether it be our General Membership Meetings or sponsored seminars and programs.

Our next meeting in the second Friday in December, at 7:30pm. We are taking advantage of technology, giving you more opportunity to participate.

We are holding the meeting using ZOOM, an electronic video platform similar to Skype. To connect you can use your Wi-Fi connected computer, tablet or smartphone. You may also dial in via telephone for two-way audio only.

If we have an email address on file for you, we will send out a notice with the connection link and information a few days prior to the meeting. Also, check the HSCA website for the information.

ALOHA

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**

*By: Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., DC., FICC, Immediate Past Pres., HSCA*

Although the political focus over the last many weeks has been on the presidential impeachment activities, there has been some activity regarding healthcare issues. Here is an item that recently crossed my desk.

VAPING is developing into a major health issue, with some presidential and Congressional attention.

Recently a House of Representatives panel advanced a sweeping ban on flavored tobacco, including vaping products. The bill approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is very aggressive, and is even more restrictive than what was initially proposed by President Trump, in light of increasing deaths related to these products.

As you may know, middle & high school aged children in Hawaii have been reported to have the highest use and/or “trying” of vaping products.

This can surely end up being a major health epidemic in the future for our community.

Speaking of Congress, I will be attending in January ACA’s annual House of Delegates meeting (representing Hawaii) and the newly minted “engage 2020”, formerly the National Chiropractic Leadership Conference.

As part of the program, representatives from all 50 states and Chiropractic organizations descend on the halls of Congress to have one-on-one meetings with Senators & Congressmen to talk about healthcare issues directly related to our profession.

One of the major focuses is **The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act of 2019 (H.R. 3654)**.

This bill is gaining more and more support and there are hopes to have it pass this coming spring. This will make major changes to Medicare. The new language allows Doctors of Chiropractic to practice and be reimbursed for all of the services we are licensed to perform in our individual states.

This can bring major improvements to most healthcare programs, and any future national healthcare laws. I will report on my meetings in DC in the future.

ALOHA

**DOCTOR, WHERE ARE YOU??**

For the last month, we have been trying to locate all the licensed and practicing doctors in Hawaii. We sent out a mailer in September, but many were returned as “undeliverable”.

**THE H.S.C.A. IS GOING DIGITAL**

That’s why we need to contact you. Some of our services to doctors will be electronically transmitted and, if we don’t have your email address, you will miss out on all the notices.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

If you didn’t get our mailer or you got it but didn’t send back the information sheet that was in it, **Call the HSCA at 926-8883, or Call your Island Director (see front page)**

**Do it right away. Don’t be left out. If you got our mailer and responded, THANK YOU.**

**RENEW YOUR HAWAII DC LICENSE**

All licensed Doctors of Chiropractic in the State of Hawaii must renew or place your license on an inactive status no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019!

As you may know, the privilege of practicing in Hawaii is granted via a 2-year license, to be renewed by the last day of the odd calendar year.

You may renew online with the state at the following address: <https://pvl.hawaii.gov/mypvl>

The fee is \$342

**ALL HARDCOPY RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:**

Must be postmarked or delivered in person to the DCCA/PVL by close of business, December 31, 2019 to the address below:

**By Mail:**  
License Renewal  
P.O. Box 3469  
Honolulu HI 96801

**In Person:**  
DCCA-PVL  
335 Merchant St. Rm: 301  
Honolulu, HI 96813

State office Business Hours: Monday – Friday (excluding all State holidays) **7:45a.m. – 4:30p.m.**

Renewal after December 31, 2019 will not be accepted online and must be submitted by mail or in person to the DCCA/PVL and will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee. Licenses not renewed/restored by December 31, 2021 must reapply as a new applicant and meet current requirements..

**ADDITIONAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**INDIVIDUALS RENEWING ON AN ACTIVE STATUS**

If license issued before 2018	20 continuing education hours are required
If license issued in 2018	10 continuing education hours are required
If license issued in 2019 or license is on an inactive status	No continuing education hours are required for this license renewal.

**AUDIT:** After December 31, 2019, the Board will audit a randomly selected group of chiropractors who will be required to submit CE certificates of attendance that will demonstrate compliance with the CE requirement. **DO NOT SUBMIT CE CERTIFICATES WITH YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION.**

**WAIVER/MODIFICATION OF CE:** Any chiropractor not meeting the CE requirement due to incapacity as certified by a licensed doctor, undue hardship or other extenuating circumstances may request a waiver/modification in writing. The written request must be notarized and include an explanation as to why the CE requirement was not met. **Chiropractors exercising this option may not renew online.** The Hawaii Board of Chiropractic will review each request for a waiver/modification at an available Board meeting.

**PARTIAL SCHEDULING OPTION COMING TO VA MEDICAL CENTERS**

As the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continues to transition to the Community Care Network (CCN) across the country, VA is changing the appointment scheduling and authorization process by adding a partial scheduling option for some VA Medical Centers (VAMCs). This may begin as soon as **Nov. 1, 2019 for certain VAMCs.**

As part of this partial appointing process, you may receive phone calls from either VA or TriWest Healthcare Alliance to schedule appointments. With this change, we ask that providers support VA's network access standards and attempt to schedule the appointment within five days after receiving the authorization and see the Veteran for primary care and behavioral health within 18 days and specialty care within 26 days. This is a performance expectation that VA has with TriWest. We appreciate providers assisting us with making that possible.

To help providers better understand the process, TriWest will be adding the appropriate VAMC phone number to all authorization letters so an appropriate VA POC is identified if the VAMC is doing the appointing. **Providers should look closely to the authorization letter to verify the phone**

**number that will identify who is scheduling the Veteran's appointment.**

In addition, the list of VAMCs that will be fully or partially scheduling will be included in the Appointing Matrix Tool and the Appointment Scheduling Quick Reference Guide. Please be aware that the list is subject to change, and the authorization should be used for final determination of who is scheduling.

Remember, providers should not administer care to Veterans without an authorization you risk losing reimbursement for your services.

**CHIROPRACTIC CARE WORKS FOR TROOPS WITH LOWER BACK PAIN, BUT NOT EVERYONE CAN ACCESS IT**

A decade after being asked to study how chiropractic care may increase fitness among troops with lower back pain, the Defense Department has submitted its report to Congress.

The answer? **IT WORKS!**

But service members still shouldn't expect the treatment to be available at every military health facility.

And as for military family members, retirees and their families, the benefit, along with other alternative therapies, remains uncovered by Tricare.

Earlier this month, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs James Stewart sent a final report to Congress on three clinical trials conducted in the last 10 years at military health facilities by Rand Corp., Palmer College of Chiropractic and the Samueli Institute to determine whether chiropractic care can ease lower back pain in troops, help service members stop smoking and increase readiness.

Related: Does Tricare Cover Chiropractic Care?

The \$7.5 million study was ordered under the fiscal 2010 National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law on Oct. 28, 2009. According to the report released Sept. 6, the trials showed some positive results.

The first clinical trial, to determine whether chiropractic care reduced pain and helped troops stop smoking, showed statistically significant improvement for service members with back pain who received chiropractic care alongside regular medical care.

The second trial, to test whether chiropractic care had any effect on the reaction and response times of special operations troops, showed that a single session had an immediate effect on motor response.

But the trials also found that chiropractic care had no real influence on smoking cessation, nor did the acceleration of response time among special operators last after the initial effect.

The third trial -- on whether chiropractic care improves fitness among troops with back pain -- showed that those who received such care saw a 5% increase in isometric strength, as opposed to a 6% decrease in strength among the control group, made up of service members who also had lower back pain but didn't receive chiropractic care.

Endurance also increased 14% in the chiropractic group, compared with a 10% decrease in the control group, according to the third trial.

"Based on the results, the investigators concluded that chiropractic care improves key fitness characteristics among active-duty service members with lower back pain and could

lead to improved military readiness in such individuals," the report notes.

While Congress passed a law in 2000 requiring the Defense Department to offer chiropractic care for active-duty personnel and activated Reserve and National Guard members, it is available in only 65 of the DoD's 54 military hospitals and 377 clinics. And it remains unavailable for military dependents and retirees, at military health facilities and off base. Each year, lawmakers offer legislation that would require the DoD to develop a plan for providing chiropractic health services for these beneficiaries, but it has failed to gain steam.

A bipartisan group of 29 House members has backed Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Alabama, this year on a proposal to provide chiropractic care services for Tricare beneficiaries, but the bill has not been considered by the House Armed Services subcommittee on military personnel.

A similar measure, which also would include coverage for non-activated reservists, has been introduced by Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisconsin, and Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, in the Senate. "Many of the brave men and women who serve our country have sustained back and other neuromusculoskeletal injuries that can be treated through chiropractic care," Moran said in a prepared statement.

"Military retirees, reservists and National Guard members have served and sacrificed for our nation and the freedoms we all cherish. We all have a shared responsibility to do right by them," Baldwin said earlier this year while reintroducing the legislation.

A 2018 survey by the advocacy group Blue Star Families found that alternative care options, including chiropractic care and acupuncture, were the top improvement military spouses wanted added to Tricare health benefits.

In his letter to the chairmen and ranking members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, Stewart did not say whether the DoD is considering an expansion of chiropractic services at military health facilities or for Tricare beneficiaries. "Thank you for your interest in the health and well-being of our service members, veterans, and their families," he wrote.

**>>>>EQUIPMENT FOR SALE<<<<**

**ITEM: LEANDER TABLE**  
**Color: Black Leather (new upholstery)**  
**Cost: \$1,500 (OBO)**  
**Contact: (808) 284-1072**  
**eMail: [francis@brewercsi.com](mailto:francis@brewercsi.com)**