

HEARTBEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

April 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT! The 2019 Headlining Speaker for the 50th Anniversary OSCA Convention is: 2x Heisman Trophy Winner Archie Griffin



The OSCA is excited to announce that the headlining speaker for the 2019 OSCA Convention will be Archie Griffin! As the **ONLY** two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy, a member for the College Football Hall of Fame, and a former player for the Cincinnati Bengals, Archie is going to speaking to Ohio Doctors of Chiropractic on "The Three D's of Success."

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The OSCA Annual Convention will be held November 1st-3rd at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio. This year's convention will not only feature Archie Griffin, but will offer up to **12 hours of Continuing Education, feature over 50 vendors, and will celebrate the OSCA's 50th anniversary** with our GOLDEN GALA! This year's convention is one not to be missed! We will be providing more details soon! Stay tuned!

Government Corner

House Bill 151 - Ohio House Bill 151 was introduced on March 21st, 2019. This bill would create an Ohio Loan Repayment Program to give loan repayment assistance to Doctors of Chiropractic serving in designated chiropractic health shortage areas. These areas would be determined by the Department of Health. This bill aims to not only help doctor's with their school loans, but increase access to chiropractic care in underserved communities. The bill has 12 cosponsors and awaits it's first hearing in the House Health Committee.



Ohio Update

SB 57 - Senate Bill 57, a bill to decriminalize hemp

products, has passed the Senate unanimously and now heads to the Ohio House of Representatives. The OSCA is monitoring this bill, as many members are looking to sell products containing CBD oil in Ohio. If these laws change, the OSCA will update members on the steps they should take to legally sell these products. **If you want to know more about the current law, click here to see the official state chiropractic board opinion on selling products containing CBD in your office.**

2019 Advocacy Day - 85 Doctors of Chiropractic joined together to speak to Ohio Legislators about pro-chiropractic legislation. In the over 25 meetings throughout the day, DCs spoke about the Chiropractic Medicaid Bill, HB 151 (above), and the opioid epidemic. The day concluded when everyone met for a reception with legislators in an informal setting to continue the conversation. Those that spoke with legislators said that their responses were largely positive about the legislation that the OSCA has put forth. It's our hope that Advocacy Day, along with continued meetings between our lobbying team and these legislators, will result in the passage of the legislation as soon as the budget bill is finalized this spring.

Important Updates for Your Office

Anthem Billing Issues: Some providers have reported experiencing denials related to diagnosis codes when billing to Anthem. Upon review, these denials are related to codes that have an "Excludes 1" relationship with another code that is being used. **You cannot bill two codes together if they have an "Excludes 1" notation.**

Q: Why would codes be listed as "Excludes1"?

A: There are two scenarios by which this can happen:

- A condition can be congenital or acquired, but not both; it would not be appropriate to use a congenital and acquired code to diagnosis the same condition.
- When codes are considered mutually exclusive of one another, or a less specific code is included within a more specific code.

For example, -algia codes have exclusions that may overlap with other frequently used diagnoses.

Example 1:

M54.2 – Cervicalgia

Excludes1: cervicalgia due to intervertebral cervical disc disorder (M50.-)

Example 2:

M54.5 - Low back pain

Loin pain

Lumbago NOS

Excludes1:

low back strain (S39.012)

lumbago due to intervertebral disc displacement (M51.2-)

lumbago with sciatica (M54.4-)

Example 3:

M54.30 - Sciatica, unspecified side

Excludes1:

lesion of sciatic nerve (G57.0)

sciatica due to intervertebral disc disorder (M51.1-)

sciatica with lumbago (M54.4-)

“An “Excludes1” note indicates codes that should *not* be used at the same time as the code located directly above the “Excludes1” notation.” 2019 ICD10

These are examples of exclusions that may be frequently seen in a chiropractic office but is not exhaustive of all “Excludes1” scenarios you may experience. It is important to note, this is not a policy specific to Anthem, it just appears that their billing and coding software is now programmed to recognize the exclusions and deny the claim accordingly. To verify exclusions that may exist with codes you use in your office, you can reference your 2019 ICD-10 Chirocode book, or you can call or email Dr. Spaulding with further questions.

BWC Timed Service Codes: As of April 1st, BWC has implemented its new Timed Service Codes Policy. The OSCA has kept members up to date with this policy change, the timelines, and how to implement. If members have any questions on these updates or want to rewatch BWC's webinar on this policy, you can visit the BWC page on the OSCA website. To see a summary of this policy and a handy guide on how to implement it, [click here for the OSCA BWC Timed Service Codes Cheat Sheet.](#)

Medical Mutual Update: After months of trying to fix this issue, the OSCA has gotten MMO to agree to cancel the next round of planned audits for 97124. This means that DCs in Ohio that have been billing for a massage therapist performing massage therapy services (as opposed to the service being performed by the chiropractor) in their office will not have to worry about any financial penalties for services already rendered. It is our hope that this alleviates the stress that many members have been facing, due to the unclear nature of this rule.

As of June 1st, 2019, any office that is billing 97124 incorrectly will be opening themselves up to audits and recoupments. To ensure that our members are protected, the OSCA will be providing training in the upcoming months across the state to teach members how to comply with these rules. More details on these events will be made available soon.

Registration open for BWC’s Medical & Health Symposium, April 26 – 27
Ohio providers are invited to BWC’s fourth annual Medical & Health Symposium focusing on Comprehensive Care for an Injured Worker. By attending, providers will have access to state and national medical experts who will speak on topics such as chemical dependency, medical marijuana, opioids, traumatic brain injuries, patient collaboration and chiropractic care. The symposium also offers an educational track for provider staff, the medical office personnel who manage the day-to-day operations of workers’ compensation processes and workflows. Both days are free for providers and staff. Learn more about the symposium and register to attend [here.](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DIAGNOSING AND TREATING THE NOT-SO-SIMPLE SHOULDER

**INSTRUCTOR:
MARK KING, DC**



The Shoulder class is aimed at improving and adding to the clinician's assessment and treatment tools while not losing site of the foundation of our profession, the adjustment. Dr. King intends to help you treat previously difficult conditions, as well as give you another avenue for building your dream practice.

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 25
TOLEDO**

**CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER!**



Earn your Diplomate in 2019!

The OSCA, in partnership with DC Online and the Northeast Ohio Academy of Chiropractic, is bringing you this excellent upcoming program, hosted by Dr. Bill Moreau. The Diplomate American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians® (DACBSP®) program utilizes interactive experiences and dedicated hands-on sessions to prepare you to earn the prestigious DACPAB. The program consists of a combination of live weekends and online learning components totaling 216 hours of study. Click the photo above to learn more and sign up! This program is happening and YOU can't afford to miss it!

New Event!

5.18 & 5.19

Columbus

MASTERING THE ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF SHOULDER & UPPER EXTREMITY PROBLEMS W. DR. BRANDON STEELE



Dr. Brandon Steele will be returning to Ohio to showcase his expertise on the shoulder and upper extremities. This 10-hour class will be held in Columbus and can also be used towards an Orthopedic Diplomate. Sign up and reserve your hotel today before spots run out!

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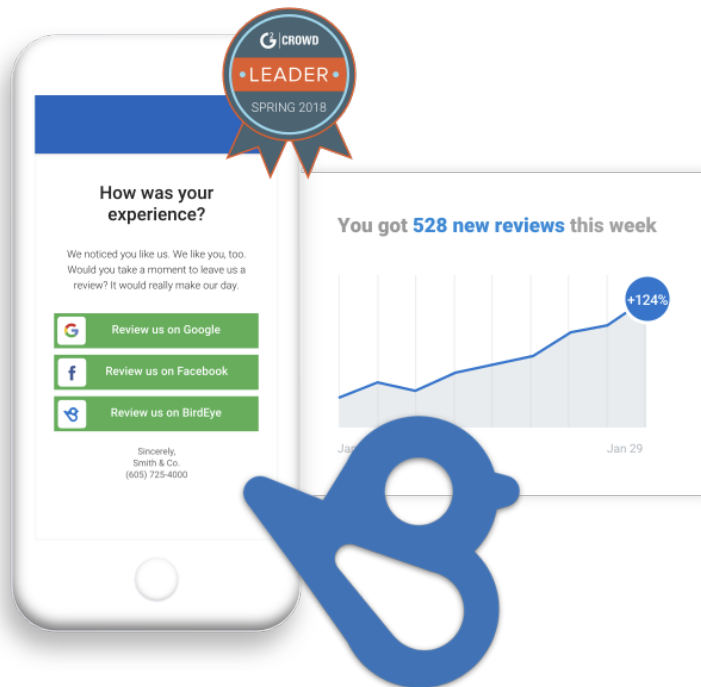
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