

HEART BEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

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Insurance/Billing and Coding Updates

Medicare ABN: On 03/18/2020, Medicare announced that its new ABN form (Form CMS-R-131) is awaiting approval. We have received many questions about where to find the new form to use in offices. However, providers have been advised to continue using the current form (Expiration 03/2020) until the new form is released. [Click here to read the announcement from CMS.](#)

Recap of OSCA COVID-19 Resources

The OSCA has been sending updates out statewide regarding all the new information and assistance to small business owners during the coronavirus pandemic. These resources include small business loans, license extension notifications, federal grants, and healthcare provider guidance from ODH and CDC.

We have updated our page daily as new information comes available, but there are a few resources that may be particularly helpful to revisit.

Small Business Loans: As more information is being made available about assistance that Small Businesses could be eligible for during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the US chamber of commerce has created a comprehensive checklist for those looking to apply for loans. [Click here to get started.](#)

Paycheck Protection Program: The CARES act included the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to help cover the cost of retaining employees. There have been updates made to this process that was announced last Friday, so please [click here](#) to see everything you need to apply. We are hearing that banks should be able to collect these applications beginning tomorrow

CISA Essential Workers: The US Department of Homeland Security has issued [a list of essential services that may remain operational during this pandemic.](#) This list includes chiropractors under the Healthcare/Public Health section. While this list is not a directive, it does add guidance to localities over what can be open to maintain infrastructure while limiting the spread. The OSCA has become aware that some localities have created stricter rules around the country, and those should take priority when weighing your options.

SharedWorkOhio: SharedWorkOhio is a "voluntary layoff aversion program. It allows workers to remain employed and employers to retain trained staff during times of reduced business activity. Under a SharedWork Ohio plan, the participating employer reduces affected employees' hours in a uniform manner. The participating employee works the reduced hours each week, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) provides eligible individuals an unemployment benefit proportionate to their reduced hours." If you would like to learn more and see if you or your employees qualify [click here](#).



COVID-19 UPDATES & RESOURCES

Government Corner

House Bill 197: Last week, the Ohio legislature passed HB 197, which was immediately signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine.



HB 197 includes some of the following changes that will affect chiropractors and small businesses:

- Codifies an executive order by DeWine to temporarily waive the typical waiting period required to qualify for unemployment benefits, and erase (for now) the requirement that people who get jobless benefits must seek work.
- Extends the deadline to file income tax forms to July 15 to conform with new Federal standards.
- Extends the deadline for medical professionals seeking license renewal so they can continue practicing

[Click here to view more about this bill.](#)

Keep in the Know: Governor DeWine has been updating Ohio on the spread of Coronavirus and all the important things we need to know during this time. If you want to hear it first, be sure to tune into his daily press conferences. They are streaming on the [Ohio Channel Website](#) and the [Ohio Channel Facebook](#).

C-PAC: If House Bill 151, or any legislation that affects the chiropractic community, will impact you and your office, consider joining the 1895 Club. For \$50/month, you will support the OSCA's efforts to ensure that chiropractic is moving forward and you can continue to practice how you want to practice.

Please consider donating whatever you can to the OSCA's CPAC. We want to ensure that those at the Statehouse know that we aren't going anywhere. There are strength in numbers. **The more support we have, the more we can get done for the chiropractic profession!** [Click here to find out more!](#)

[A note on events...](#)

Thank you all for your support of our events so far this year! We love to get out around the state to meet you, provide quality education, and speak to you in person! While we normally take this time to limit the number of events we host due to license renewal, we will be taking a break from events until at least July. We want to ensure that all our events are held in safe environments. While we will miss seeing all of you, we value your health and safety. We are also updating our webinar system and are planning to have new webinars available this quarter. We look forward to bringing you more great speakers and events soon!



In the meantime,

STAY CONNECTED!

Many companies are providing webinars filled with resources and advice specifically for chiropractors! We created a special page to highlight all these events!

[Click here to view the upcoming webinars!](#)

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