

# HEART BEAT

*The monthly newsletter from The OSCA*

December 2021

## 2022 OSCA Dues Thank you for your membership!

Thank you for your continued membership with the OSCA! We are thankful for your support through another unpredictable year!



As a reminder, with the 1st quarter dues of every year, there is an optional \$30 additional charge. \$10 is donated to the Ohio Chiropractic Foundation which supports the annual student scholarship. \$20 goes to an office membership to F4CP, offering your office access to additional marketing and research information. If you do not want to pay these optional charges, please take the appropriate action listed below.

- If you pay on invoice, you may leave the additional charge out. No additional action needs to be taken.
- If you have already opted-out, please check the upcoming dues invoice on your member profile. It should show the adjustment. If it does not, please email us at [osca@oscachiro.org](mailto:osca@oscachiro.org).
- If you would like to opt-out from one or both optional charges, but have not done so, please email us at [osca@oscachiro.org](mailto:osca@oscachiro.org) and state opt-out in the email so we can ensure your profile is updated.

Dues will be running on December 15th, so you must act before that date to ensure your proper dues run.

## Insurance and Legislative Updates

**2022 Medicare Fee Schedule:** The OSCA has posted the 2022 Medicare Fee schedule, as published by CMS. As expected, there was an estimated 2,5% cut made across the board, not just affecting chiropractors. [Click here to view the new fee schedule.](#) This goes into effect on January 1, 2022. As you may recall, changes to last year's fee schedule were made into the new year. While we do not expect changes, we will monitor CMS to ensure you have the most

updated version on our Medicare Members-only page.

**CareSource Policy:** The OSCA is aware that multiple offices have been informed by CareSource during benefit verifications that there is no annual visit limit for chiropractic spinal manipulation. This is not consistent with CareSource's published policy or with the OAC rule 5160-8-11.

Upon inquiry by OSCA to CareSource leadership, they confirmed that CareSource maintains the visit limit as defined by Medicaid. If you have an example of mis-verification of benefits by CareSource regarding spinal manipulation visit limits, please email your information to Dr. Spaulding at [brandy@oscachiro.org](mailto:brandy@oscachiro.org). Your email must contain a reference number and date for a phone call in which you were given inaccurate information, or written or electronic communication from CareSource that states there is no visit limit.

**Medicare Attestation:** The OSCA has received multiple inquiries on how to handle Medicare Attestation. Once a year, providers are required to attest to Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training and Compliance for Medicare.

Medicare Replacement Plans are required to ensure that their providers are attesting to this requirement. Once you have attested once for the year, it should satisfy the requirement for all Medicare replacement plans.

[Click here for the most up to date booklet that Medicare has published on the topic.](#) You can retain this and use it as part of your office training and compliance.

Page 17 of the booklet covers the 7 steps that providers need to do to ensure compliance.

Here are additional resources for attestation:

- [Click here for a short, 4 minute video on the 7 steps to attestation](#)
- [Click here for a 30 minute video created by the Medicare. A certificate of completion is offered for finishing this training \(and should be retained by the office in case of an audit\).](#)

**AETNA/ASH partnership:** The OSCA has been in contact with Aetna to gain additional clarification on their new partnership with ASH to administer a new supplemental Medicare plan beginning on January 1st, 2022. Based on conversations with Aetna, we believe that this partnership should only affect that new supplemental plan, not their Medicare replacement offering. Therefore, Ohio DCs should not have to participate with ASH to maintain their network status with Aetna's commercial or Medicare plans. We are awaiting further clarification on this issue and will communicate any changes to members accordingly.

## **[CMS Vaccine Mandate Clarification](#)**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released its Interim Final

rule in November, following its September announcement that eligible employees in all facilities receiving Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements would be subject to mandatory vaccination requirements. The interim final rule provides additional information and clarification regarding who, and which facilities, will be impacted by this requirement. Consistent with the original September announcement, the rule continues to focus on facilities that receive reimbursements. Upon review of the information provided in the rule, private practice providers contracted with Medicare as non-facilities are not subject to the mandatory requirement. This remains consistent with the original notice that OSCA put out on September 10, 2021.

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Rehab Strategies for the Modern Chiropractic Office with Dr. Joe Spaulding, DACRB

*This weekend! Last chance to sign up!*



This hands-on class focuses on evaluation and management strategies for many common patient presentations, utilizing low tech rehab techniques with an evidence informed approach.

***Whether you are looking to implement rehab in your office for the first time, or update your existing protocols, this class will help you hit the ground running Monday morning.***

Utilizing years of experience in the office and on the field, Dr. Joseph Spaulding, DACRB, will help you develop a better understanding based on the latest evidence, and confidence to incorporate rehab protocols to serve your patients. Leave this seminar knowing how to implement these techniques in your day-to-day treatments! This seminar runs from 8am-2pm. Dr. Spaulding will be available until 4pm for further Q&A and hands on demonstrations. Get back in the classroom with your fellow DCs, earn up to 8 hours of CE, and learn new techniques to on Monday!

\*Please dress comfortably, as you will be practicing techniques during this class. We also ask that you bring a portable table, if you have one available.

**When:** Saturday, December 4th from 8a-2p (event may run until 4pm if you would like to stay for additional demos)

**Where:** Hampton Inn & Suites - Youngstown/Canfield  
6690 Ironwood Boulevard  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

**CEs:** 6-8 hours (last 2 hours are optional)



**Cost:**

Members: \$149

Membership Plus: Included in Membership

Non-Members: \$199

[Click Here to Register!](#)

## Dry Needling with Dr. Mark Hanson

Take this hands-on course to from nationally-renowned speaker Dr. Mark Hanson! Learn Dry Needling techniques that you can use in the office on Monday morning! This course is great for beginners or experienced DCs! Space is limited!

***Why take this course?***

- This is a hands-on course.
- Attendees at any level will be trained to utilized the filiform needle.
- Needling techniques will be demonstrated, and Doctors will apply the techniques with other seminar attendees.
- Everyone will be ready to treat patients on Monday morning.
- Needle & non-needle techniques will be applied throughout the course

**What:** Dry Needling with Dr. Mark Hanson**Where:** Cincinnati, Ohio, Marriott Cincinnati Northeast, Mason, Ohio**When:** Saturday, January 15th from 8am-6pm and  
Sunday, January 16th from 8am-4pm**CEs:** 18 hours**Price:**

Members: \$700

Non-Members: \$800

[Click Here to Register!](#)

## Chiropractic Through The Lifespan With Dr. Lisa Killinger

In this interactive and often hands-on seminar, we will explore the assessment and care of patients across the lifespan. Topics will include a quick exploration of nutrition, evaluation and chiropractic care of infants and children, using the best available evidence. Next, we will examine nutrition and health in pregnant women and altering our care for the safety of the patient and her child. Next, we will discuss the assessment and care of the older adult patient, with a detailed look at a comprehensive evaluation specific to the aging patient. We will workshop specific adjusting strategies related to chiropractic adjusting of older or frail patients, with an eye on the safety and comfort of our patient. Health promotion and prevention strategies for all ages will be included.

**When:** January 29th and January 30th

Saturday, January 29th: 8a-4p

Sunday, January 30th: 8a-12p

**Where:** Cambria Suites Polaris, 9100 Lyra Drive, Columbus, Ohio**CEs:** 12 Hours**Price:** Members: \$249

Non-Members: \$319

\*Lunch will be provided for all registrants on Saturday.

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