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# OHIO HAS ITS FIRST CO-SPONSOR, HR 1610

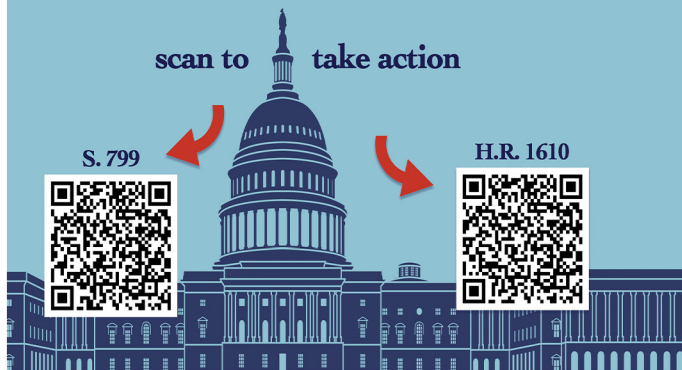
## Medicare Coverage

Modernization Act of 2023

ADVOCATE NOW

### Now's the Time to Advocate for H.R. 1610 & S. 799

H.R. 1610 & S. 799, Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act(s), have been introduced in their respective chambers and co-sponsors are needed for both bills. Both bills expand patient access to Medicare-covered benefits within a chiropractor's state scope of practice. Patients are encouraged to use the QR codes below to reach their US Representatives and Senators and ask them to sign on to these bills.



Federal Legislation (HR 1610 and S799) introduced earlier this year to improve coverage of chiropractic services sees its first Ohio co-sponsor, Representative Greg Landsman [D-OH-1]. Representative Landsman, who serves OH District 1 in the Cincinnati area, signed on as a co-sponsor on June 20th. Much like the previous version of this legislation, it has strong bipartisan support. Of the current 80 co-sponsors, 41 are Republican while 39 are Democrat.

Improving access to the services rendered by chiropractic physicians for patients of Medicare age will reduce the financial barriers to access conservative, non-pharmacological treatment options. Research shows that improved access to conservative treatment options not only improves patient outcomes but often reduces healthcare spending as well as opioid utilization.

The coverage of chiropractic in Medicare has not changed or evolved since its initial inclusion in 1972. Limiting coverage to a single service rendered by DCs does not align with best practice recommendations, puts undue burden on the patient, delays the initiation of timely care, increases healthcare costs and the likelihood that more invasive treatment options will be recommended.

The OSCA visited Capitol Hill in DC earlier this year to advocate for better coverage of services rendered by DCs. Since Medicaid has one physician fee schedule, if passed, DCs could expect the same reimbursement for covered services as received by other health care professionals rendering the same services.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a profession, we talk about the significance and importance of passing this legislation. We must convey that information to our federal legislators. Otherwise, how will they know? The OSCA has created several tools to assist you with this. First, the [Voter's Voice Platform](#). This platform is a quick and easy way to send a letter to your federal legislators. By entering your name, address and email into the platform, it will determine which legislator(s) your communication should be directed to and will pre-populate the communication onto the screen for you. Just hit submit and you've taken the first step to actively advocate for this change. Keep in mind, there are two campaigns; one for the House version and one for the Senate version – *make sure to complete both!*

### WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Encourage your staff, patients, family, and friends to send an electronic letter on Voter's Voice Platform as well! The OSCA has created a branded poster and social media post designed for the non-DC, chiropractic supporter. The QR code will take them to a [customized platform](#) for non-DCs that will allow them to share their support of chiropractic and request that their federal legislator support the legislation. Share the [social media image](#), print and display the [poster](#) in your office or print extra to hand out.

### THE MORE THAT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS HEAR FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS, THE BETTER.

If you are interested in requesting a virtual or in-person meeting, the OSCA created a [Legislative Toolkit](#). This guide will walk you through the process, from beginning to end, empowering OSCA members to conduct successful meetings with their legislators.





## COST-SHARE LEGISLATION HAS ITS SECOND HEARING IN THE OHIO HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

HB 141, patient cost share legislation, introduced by Rep. LaRe, received its second hearing in the House Insurance Committee last month. This legislation would limit cost share requirements when a patient is seeking care from a chiropractic physician, as well as services from a PT and OT. The legislation would eliminate the practice of placing a specialty copay on the chiropractic visit and would create parity with the copay applied to a primary care visit.



**BRANDY SPALDING, DC**  
THE OHIO STATE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

JUN 14, 2023

HOUSE  
INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

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OH  
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CHANNEL

Dr. Brandy Spaulding, OSCA Executive Director provided proponent testimony on HB 141 in the House Insurance committee last month.

*“When patients consider conservative treatment options, their cost share is often so disproportionate that they frequently bear the majority, and sometimes all, of the financial burden to access care. In many cases, the patient’s out of pocket expense in the form of a copay is higher than the contracted allowed amount by the health plan. This is often referred to as “ghost benefits” as the health plans end up paying little to nothing for the services.” Dr. Spaulding went on to say, “HB 141 is a step in the right direction. It creates parity among healthcare options for patients and better aligns health plan coverage with best practice recommendations to reduce opioid use, lower health care costs and improve patient outcomes.”*



# The Ohio Chiropractic Foundation Anniversary Scholarship application is LIVE!



Do you know a chiropractic student that has completed two years of their DC education? If so, make sure they apply now. In its fifth year since being reintroduced in 2019, the scholarship will provide \$5000 to a chiropractic student planning to return to Ohio, who has demonstrated leadership in and out of the classroom. The 2023 scholarship winner will be presented with their award on Friday October 6th at Convention.

**Applications will be accepted until August 17, 2023.** To learn more and access the application packet, visit: <https://www.oscachiro.org/page/foundation>

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

2019 – Dr. Henrietta White

2020 – Dr. Marcus Hummel

2021 – Dr. Sarah Durr

2022 – Dr. Zachary Frame

2023 – To Be Announced!



## Evidence-Based Chiropractic Software

- Simplified patient education
- Powerful clinical research
- Smart practice resources

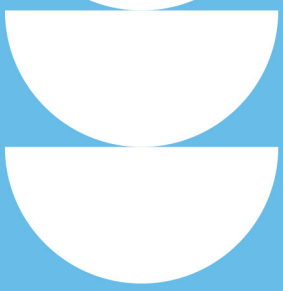
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# 2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

The OSCA has several in person and live webinars currently scheduled and several **in the works** for the upcoming year.

### CLICK HERE

To visit the OSCA events page for more info or to register for an event.

## LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINARS

12-1pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month

### COMING UP NEXT

**2**  
AUG

**Comprehensive Migraine Management**  
Functional Neurology Webinar  
featuring Dr. Adam Harcourt

**6-8**  
OCT

**Annual Convention –**  
Hilton at Polaris  
Columbus Ohio

**1**  
NOV

**Pain Reset - Neuroscience as a Chronic Pain Solution**  
Functional Neurology Webinar  
featuring Dr. Freddy Garcia

**6**  
SEPT

**Documenting and Tracking Treatment Progress,**  
featuring Dr. Gregg Friedman

**6**  
DEC

**How To Properly Document Treatment Codes**  
featuring Dr. Gregg Friedman

**License renewal will be upon us before we know it. Current Ohio DC licenses are effective through March 31, 2024. Take advantage of these fantastic CE opportunities now! To learn more about and register for these events, [click below](#).**



### **Comprehensive Migraine Management Functional Neurology Webinar *1CE***

Dr. Adam Harcourt  
AUGUST 2ND 12-1PM



### **Best Practice Management for Resolving Neck Pain & Headaches *12CEs***

Dr. Tim Bertelsman  
AUGUST 5TH - 6TH



### **ACUPUNCTURE 100**

*Weekend 1 starting August 4-6, Dr. Kris Tohtz*

Don't forget, the requirement for Ohio DCs to earn an Acupuncture Certificate has been reduced from 300 to 200 hours. Join us for the newest cohort starting next month and earn your certificate as early as February 2024!







# HEALTHY ME DRUG FREE POSTER CONTEST



(Dr. Brandy Spaulding, presenting to 100 4th Graders about Chiropractic and a Healthy Lifestyle and presenting the award to one of the 2022 winners!)

Coinciding with September's Drug Free Pain Management Awareness Month, The Healthy Me Drug Free Poster Contest will return for the 3rd year. Participants will have an opportunity to illustrate how they live a healthy lifestyle through their poster design and the chance to win a great prize for themselves and their classroom. Official entry information, as well as the toolkit to help promote the contest in your community, will be available soon and entries will be accepted in September.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO

Plan to share the official entry information with your local school district and community, encouraging them to participate.

## WHY SHOULD A STUDENT OR CHILD PARTICIPATE

Project-based learning through poster design and researching the theme can give your student/child an opportunity to express their voice on health issues and showcase their creativity and talent. And it's fun!





THE OSCA IS REQUESTING  
NOMINATIONS FOR

# THE 2023 OSCA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each year, the OSCA Convention provides an opportunity for us to come together in fellowship and celebration of the chiropractic profession, the efforts and accomplishments of the association, and the major contributions made by many chiropractors across the state of Ohio.



This prestigious award is considered a highest honor and we would love your feedback during the selection process.

**Please provide your nomination to the OSCA by August 8, 2023.**

Make sure to include the name of your recommendation, the impact they have had on you personally and professionally, their impact and contribution to the chiropractic profession, specifically in Ohio, and why you feel they are the most deserving recipient.

All nominations should be directed to [osca@oscachiro.org](mailto:osca@oscachiro.org) with the subject line Lifetime Achievement Nomination.