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## HB 141 HEARINGS UPDATE

HB 141, legislation that would ensure a patient’s cost share to visit a chiropractor is not greater than that to see their primary care MD/DO, continues to make its way through the Ohio Senate.

Currently the bill is in the Senate Insurance Committee, chaired by Senator Hackett. HB 141 has received two recent hearings in this committee. Bill co-sponsors, Representatives LaRe and Robb-Blasdell, gave sponsor testimony in favor of the legislation during the bill’s first

hearing. OSCA Executive Director, Dr. Brandy Spaulding, provided proponent testimony during the bill’s second hearing earlier this month. “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 healthcare costs, and improve patient outcomes.”

The OSCA remains committed to our top legislative priority, to initiate legislation each session that seeks to help chiropractic physicians maintain their scope of practice, build profitability and create parity. To learn more about the process for a bill to become law, or the OSCA’s legislative priorities and resources, visit our [advocacy page](#).





# NOW IS THE TIME TO PUSH FOR MEDICARE CO-SPONSORS!

As members of the 118th Congress prepare for the upcoming August recess, NOW is the time to request a meeting with them while in the District. OSCA's board of directors are making a targeted effort to meet with as many congressional representatives as possible over the summer to discuss the importance of current Medicare legislation and urge their co-sponsorship of HR1610 and S799.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Fill out the Voter's Voice Platform to ask your members of Congress to support these important bills.
2. Encourage your patients, staff, family and friends to participate in the Voter's Voice platform as well.
3. Reach out to your members of Congress and request a meeting to discuss the bills and ask for their support. Use the Legislative Toolkit to assist you.
4. Attend your district meetings, especially if your elected officials will be there!
5. Be a member of the OSCA and encourage your colleagues to do the same. The greater our membership numbers, the **STRONGER OUR VOICE!**







# ACUPUNCTURE COURSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

ADD THIS BENEFIT TO YOUR  
PRACTICE TODAY

Integrating acupuncture into a chiropractic practice offers numerous benefits for both the doctor and the patient. For the doctor, it expands the range of treatments available, enhancing the practice's versatility and appeal. This integration can attract a broader patient base seeking comprehensive, holistic care, thereby increasing patient retention and satisfaction. For patients, combining acupuncture with chiropractic care provides a synergistic approach to pain management and overall wellness. Acupuncture can help alleviate conditions like chronic pain, migraines, and stress, which are often interlinked with musculoskeletal issues treated by chiropractors. This dual approach can lead to more effective, faster, and longer-lasting relief, improving patients' quality of life. Additionally, offering multiple modalities under one roof simplifies the patient's healthcare journey, ensuring more cohesive and coordinated care. Overall, this integration enriches the therapeutic experience, fostering better health outcomes and a more robust practice.



**100 HOUR BLOCK ACUPUNCTURE  
COURSE - TRADITIONAL THEORY &  
PRACTICAL PROCEDURES- 2024**

**8/9/2024 to 12/8/2024**

**REGISTER TODAY**







OHIO STATE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

# GOLF OUTING

**Mark Your Calendars - May 30, 2025**

Next year's event will be held on a FRIDAY which was heavily requested by our membership. You don't have to be a great golfer to have a great time at the OSCA Golf Outing! With a scramble format, golfers of all skill levels are guaranteed a fun day on the course. And for those that don't golf at all? The Grand Resort was voted the #1 Resort in Ohio last month. After a 30-million-dollar renovation, this impressive venue offers amenities for everyone in the family; from beautiful pools to pickle ball and basketball courts, relaxation and med spas, and multiple restaurants and bars on site, you'll want to stay and play for the weekend!

 AVALON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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# BEYOND ALL LIMITS

2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Havana Nights*

We are thrilled to invite you to the 2024 Ohio State Chiropractic Association's Annual Convention, themed "Beyond All Limits." This premier event will take place from October 4-6 at the Hilton Polaris, promising an unforgettable experience of learning, networking, and professional growth.

**"Beyond All Limits"** is more than just a theme; it's a call to push the boundaries of our practice and elevate the standards of chiropractic care in Ohio. This convention will feature an array of expert speakers, innovative workshops, and cutting-edge presentations designed to inspire and equip you with the latest knowledge and techniques in chiropractic.

Attending the OSCA Annual Convention provides an unparalleled opportunity to connect with fellow chiropractors, exchange ideas, and build valuable professional relationships. Whether you're a seasoned practitioner or new to the field, you'll find sessions tailored to your interests and needs, from advanced clinical practices to business management strategies.

Don't miss this chance to be part of Ohio's vibrant chiropractic community, gain insights from industry leaders, and explore new ways to enhance your practice. Join us as we go **"Beyond All Limits"** and work together to shape the future of chiropractic.

**[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY BIRD PRICES!](#)**

*We can't wait to see you there!*

# Havana Nights



## SATURDAY NIGHT CASINO & DJ ENTERTAINMENT RETURNS!

Grab your favorite bold and lively cocktail attire and join us for a Havana Nights themed casino night. Each guest will receive funny money to play with. The evening entertainment will include:

- All your favorite gaming tables – Roulette, Craps, Blackjack and Poker**
- “A Night at the Races” simulcast horse racing experience**
- Custom Photo Booth to capture all the fun**
- Prize Raffle to spend your winnings**
- DJ and dancing to close the night**
- 2 Drink Tickets and Food**

Those wishing to buy-in for more funny money may do so. The proceeds will benefit the Ohio Chiropractic Foundation.

# REHAB ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM

*"If you have wanted to become a DACRB, this is the time to do it. This 50 hour Program ..will teach you the basic essentials of functional rehab to give you a jump start in learning what is necessary in order to sit for the ACRB” exam."*

## 2024 FALL DATES & TIMES:

**MODULE I - SEPT 14TH-15TH**

**MODULE II - OCT 12TH-13TH**

**MODULE III - NOV 9TH-10TH**

**MODULE IV - DEC 7TH-8TH**

## PRICING

Modules I - IV are also \$249.00 per course or \$950 for Modules I – IV combined.

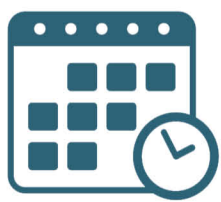
Note: All Modules are virtual (not on location) and will be conducted via the Zoom format. Once you register, you will be e-mailed a link to join the Module session that you have registered for.



**For more information and to register log onto:**

<https://www.rehabadvancedstanding.com/>



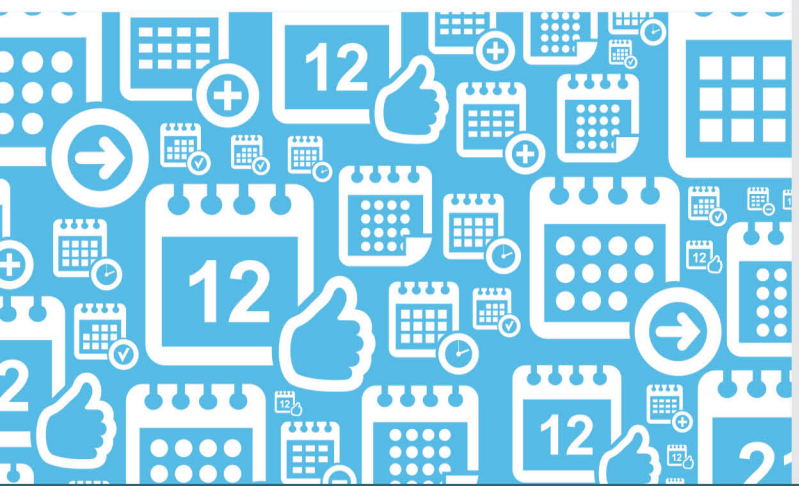


# UPCOMING 2024 OSCA EVENTS

**AUG 9** 100 Hour Block Acupuncture Course  
Traditional Theory & Practical  
Procedures- 2024  
Aug 9th / Sept 13 / Oct 25 / Dec 6  
*\*Individual Weekends Available*

**SEPT 7** DISTRICT 12 - 2024 OSCA  
Chiropractic Keeps Me Moving

**OCT 4-6** 2024 Annual Convention  
**BEYOND ALL LIMITS**  
*Hilton Polaris*



## LUNCH & LEARN

WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM

**AUGUST 7, 2024**  
Functional Medicine  
Presented by Dr. Georgia Nab Sponsored by NCMIC

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**  
PATIENT COMMUNICATION:  
DURING THE DOCTOR-PATIENT  
ENCOUNTER  
Presented by Dr. Thomas Ventimiglia. Sponsored by NCMIC

**NOVEMBER 6, 2024**  
PREGNANCY AND FAMILY  
CHIROPRACTIC  
Presented by Dr. Alan Smith. Sponsored by Foot Levelers

**DECEMBER 4, 2024**  
SLEEP, COGNITION &  
INTELLIGENCE  
Presented by Dr. Anish Bajaj. Sponsored by Foot Levelers



# INSURANCE

## ISSUES



The OSCA is in communication with Anthem on several issues impacting our membership. We have heard that members are experiencing an uptick in E/M denials when the exam is rendered on the same date as a CMT despite appeal efforts with documentation supporting both services. The OSCA was successful in resolving this issue 2 years ago and it seems it is cycling through again. In addition, some providers have received letters from Anthem notifying them that their use of certain modifiers or cpt codes are “higher than expected”. If you are experiencing these issues, please reach out to the OSCA to share any communication you have received.

Further, many members have expressed concern about decreasing reimbursement rates and increasing small business and health care costs. Inflation, coupled with decreased reimbursement rates, is threatening the sustainability of healthcare practices and subsequently jeopardizing provider participation status. Therefore, OSCA is urging Anthem and all health care plans to re-evaluate their fee schedules and make appropriate increases to reimbursements for chiropractic physicians.

Over the past decade, it is fair to say that chiropractic physicians have not received cost of living increases in their provider fee schedules, and further have experienced reductions year after year. In the face of research that continues to demonstrate that patients under chiropractic care have reduced healthcare costs related to acute and chronic musculoskeletal pain, as well as decreased downstream healthcare services and costs, health plans should be providing fair reimbursement to our providers to ensure access to this conservative treatment option remains available for their insured. The OSCA will continue to advocate for improved access for Ohioans and fair reimbursement for chiropractic physicians.

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# OHIO MEDICAID

The OSCA has received several complaints about Ohio Medicaid managed care plans, many of them pertaining to Anthem Medicaid. The complaints involve issues of denying services for lack of prior authorization, denying ICD 10 diagnosis codes that should be allowed, and not paying the expected reimbursement amounts when they are in the secondary position. The OSCA has been in communication with the Ohio Department of Medicaid regarding these issues.

Any time a claim is denied that you feel is in error, the first step should be to reach out to the payer and appeal the denial. However, if the denial is upheld, and you still feel this is in error, Medicaid reminds providers to submit complaints to ODM by utilizing the Managed Care Provider Complaint Form, **which is available here**. The complaint form process is fairly quick and easy. Additionally, ODM monitors all complaints submitted by providers, as well as the response provided by the managed care plan. Therefore, if the managed care plan is quoting erroneous reasons for denial, ODM can get involved. We have seen this result in more timely resolution of errors and correct re-processing of payments.



## OSCA EXECUTIVE OFFICES HAS MOVED

The OSCA executive office move is complete, and we are settled in to our new location. Please update your records to reflect our new address at 471 East Broad St. Suite 1305 Columbus, OH 43215. The OSCA phone number remains the same, 614-229-5290. We look forward to serving our members from this new location and to seeing members on site at upcoming events.

## NEW SOFTWARE

The OSCA is in the process of transitioning to a new website, AMS and learning platform. This should provide an enhanced user experience for our members. We will be communicating in the near future when the new platform is available. This communication will include information about how to access your profile on the new platform and will direct you to ensure your information is correct and up-to-date. Your CE history will be transferred automatically into the new platform and it will be important for you to login once you get the email to ensure that all of your membership information and transferred data are accurate. Stay tuned for more details.

