

# HEART BEAT

*The monthly newsletter from The OSCA*

June 2021



All In-person!

# 2021 OSCA Annual Convention

Registration Launches the Week of July 6th  
Oct. 1-3, 2021  
Stay tuned for more details.

New & Returning  
Speakers!

## Insurance and Billing Updates

**Aetna E/M Denials:** The OSCA has been working with Aetna in response to their recent update regarding E/M codes and the use of the -.25 modifier. We have met with both Aetna and SecureCare regarding this policy and to urge separate reimbursement for E/M services. We hope to come to a resolution shortly. Please keep an eye out for future updates if your office has been affected by these denials.

**Anthem GP Modifier:** Last month, the OSCA updated everyone on Anthem's policy regarding the GP modifier for therapies. Up to 4 modifiers can be used per CPT code. The GP modifier did not replace any existing modifiers, but is simply a new requirement for billing.

**Health Orders Lifted on June 2nd:** On May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, Governor Mike DeWine

announced that he will be rescinding all Ohio Health Orders beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. This means Ohio businesses will no longer have to enforce mask wearing for employees or customers starting that day. The CDC does recommend continued use of PPE by healthcare professionals and in healthcare settings for staff, patients, and visitors. Although this is guidance and not a health order, following CDC guidance may reduce potential liability for your office. To reference this guidance, click here.

Please update any office policies and ensure that they are readily available to all staff and patients prior to enacting any changes. In continuing our efforts to assist member offices during these times, the OSCA is monitoring for any new announcements and will continue working to ensure that all members have the most current information.

## ChiroCongress Strategic Plan Announcement on June 4th

On June 4th, ChiroCongress will announce the National Strategic Plan for the future of chiropractic! Created with input from DCs across the US, this plan will be presented for the very first time on Friday, June 4th at 11:00 am. All stakeholders (including chiropractors) are encouraged to attend the presentation. To sign up, click here.



## Legislative Updates



**House Bill 136:** The Ohio House of Representatives passed House bill 136 two weeks ago. Now the bill is in the Senate Health Committee and has two hearings so far, Sponsor Testimony and Proponent Testimony. The OSCA's Executive Director, Dr. Brandy Spaulding, provided testimony for the association and has been meeting with Senators on the committee to encourage its passage. The OSCA is happy to report that we currently have no opponents and hope to get this bill passed before the legislature breaks for summer in July.

**Reminder for H.R. 2654:** If you have not yet lent your voice to the latest ACA campaign, it's not too late! This bill, H.R. 2654, allows Medicare beneficiaries access to the chiropractic profession's broad-based, non-drug approach to pain management. This includes manual manipulation of the spine and extremities, evaluation and management services, diagnostic imaging and utilization of other non-drug approaches that have become an important strategy in national efforts to stem the epidemic of prescription opioid overuse and abuse.

The good news is that our voices have been heard for the past 3 campaigns! We need you to contact your representative again, to help pass this bill. It takes a minute and all you need to do is enter your address and hit submit! The email will be automatically sent to your own legislator. The more DCs to contact their reps, the better! **[Click here to Take Action Now!](#)**



## Welcome New Partner Affiliate!



The OSCA is pleased to welcome our newest Partner Affiliate, **EOS Medical Supply, LLC**! EOS Medical is a Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies Supplier.

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