

# HEARTBEAT

*The monthly newsletter from The OSCA*

**March 2019**

OHIO STATE  
CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION  
**Advocacy Day  
2019**



*Thanks for making a difference!*

## **OSCA Advocacy Day 2019!**

The OSCA Office would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to all the DCs that took time away from their offices to attend 2019 Chiropractic Advocacy Day. More than 80 chiropractors convened at the Statehouse to educate legislators and encourage them to support legislation that would benefit the profession. These DCs were able to speak with more than 50 legislators throughout the day! So many of these legislators spoke about how they see a chiropractor and value the services Ohio DCs provide. We are excited to have so many champions on our side and hope to continue to see Ohio lead the way in Chiropractic legislation.

Keep an eye out for the next OnTarget Magazine for more pictures from the day!



*OSCA President, Dr. Jerrold Simon addresses attendees and legislators at the evening reception.*



*Doctors stand in front of the Ohio Statehouse on Advocacy Day.*

## Government Corner



### Ohio Update

**House Bill 102** - The Chiropractic Medicaid Bill (HB 102) has been placed in the House Health Committee where it had sponsor testimony on Tuesday, March 12th. Representative Lipps (R-Franklin), the bill's sponsor, spoke to the committee on the importance of parity and chiropractic access. This bill would require Medicaid to cover everything within a Doctor of Chiropractic's scope of practice. The OSCA estimates that this bill could save Medicaid up to \$23.7 million a year.

**Chiropractic Loan Re-Payment Bill** - The Chiropractic Loan Repayment Bill, which would create the Ohio Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program, will be introduced in the upcoming weeks. Sponsored by Representative Carfagna (R- Genoa Township), this bill would help to increase chiropractic care and encourage Doctors of Chiropractic to provide care to under served communities in health resource shortage areas. The bill currently has 8 co-sponsors. More updates will be provided soon!

### New Event!

5.18 & 5.19

Columbus

### MASTERING THE ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF SHOULDER & UPPER EXTREMITY PROBLEMS W. DR. BRANDON STEELE



Dr. Brandon Steele will be returning to Ohio to showcase his expertise on the shoulder and upper extremities. This 10-hour class will be held in Columbus and can also be used towards an Orthopedic Diplomate. Sign up and reserve your hotel today before spots run out!

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## Important Updates for Your Office

**CareSource Take Backs:** Caresource has identified the cause of acupuncture denials for mid-to-late 2018. A change in their system caused some diagnosis codes to drop off of their allowed list. The primary code that caused denial issues is M99.03.

The OSCA advocated that this and other codes be added to the allowed list which required Caresource to update their policy. They have completed that update, therefore, the new policy and list of allowed diagnosis codes for acupuncture will become effective 3/22/19. Following the effective date, they will reprocess all denied claims that include a diagnosis code on the approved list for payment.

We have continued to push Caresource for an expedited resolution to this problem. We are working with their COO who is committed to resolving this issue. If your office has received any more recent recoupment requests, please contact our office. We are continuing to send these examples to Caresource for resolution.

If you have had funds recouped, Caresource has committed to reprocessing that for correct payment by 3/13/19.

**Medical Mutual Update:** After months of trying to fix this issue, the OSCA has gotten MMO to agree to cancel the next round of planned audits for 97124. This means that DCs in Ohio that have been billing for a massage therapist performing massage therapy services (as opposed to the service being performed by the chiropractor) in their office will not have to worry about any financial penalties for services already rendered. It is our hope that this alleviates the stress that many members have been facing, due to the unclear nature of this rule.

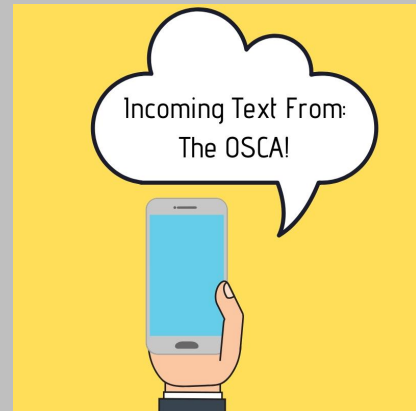
The OSCA has advocated that a Licensed Massage Therapist, in a healthcare setting, could be one of the most appropriate licensed professionals to render this service. However, currently, MMO has not budged on the policy. We will continue to work with MMO and other payors to encourage the development of a framework that would allow better utilization of conservative care to benefit the patient.

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, any office that is billing 97124 incorrectly will be opening themselves up to audits and recoupments. To ensure that our members are protected, the OSCA will be providing training in the upcoming months across the state to teach members how to comply with these rules. More details on these events will be made available soon.

### *Don't Forget to Update Your Texting Preferences!*

The OSCA will begin texting members important insurance updates, renewal notices, and other vital information.

These are completely optional! No one will receive any text messages without opting-in to the program! To do so, log-in to your profile at [www.oscachiyo.org](http://www.oscachiyo.org). Go to "Edit Bio" and enter in your mobile number and hit "yes" on the drop down box next to Text Opt-In. It's that easy! You can expect anywhere from 2-4 texts per month. Standard Data and message rates do apply.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



# DIAGNOSING AND TREATING THE SPINE

*With Mark King, DC*

Join the OSCA on April 9th at the Hyatt Place Cincinnati for this 6-hour seminar from national speaker, Dr. Mark King!

Learn how to deal specifically with the palpation and adjustment set-ups needed for the cervical, thoracic, lumbar and sacroiliac regions. You will be able to use this information the next day in your office!

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Space is limited and filling up fast! Register today!

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or call 614-229-5290

**\*\*NEW START DATE\*\***

## Rehab Advance Standing Program

Designed for CCSPs (Certified Chiropractic Sports Physicians) who wish to pursue a Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Rehabilitation Board (DACRB). Modules I – III are 12 CEU hours. Module IV is 14 CEU hours.

**The times for Modules I – III are:**

Saturday 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
and Sunday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

**The times for Module IV are:**

Saturday 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
and Sunday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Module I – Functional Evaluation - April 13-14, 2019**

**Module II – Functional Treatment - May 18-19, 2019**

**Module III – Functional Protocols - June 8-9, 2019**

**Module IV – Comprehensive Review - July 13-14, 2019**

Instructors:



\*\*All Modules include "hands on." \*\*

**Location:**

Chiropractic and Rehab Center  
2879 E Dublin Granville Rd  
Columbus, OH 43231

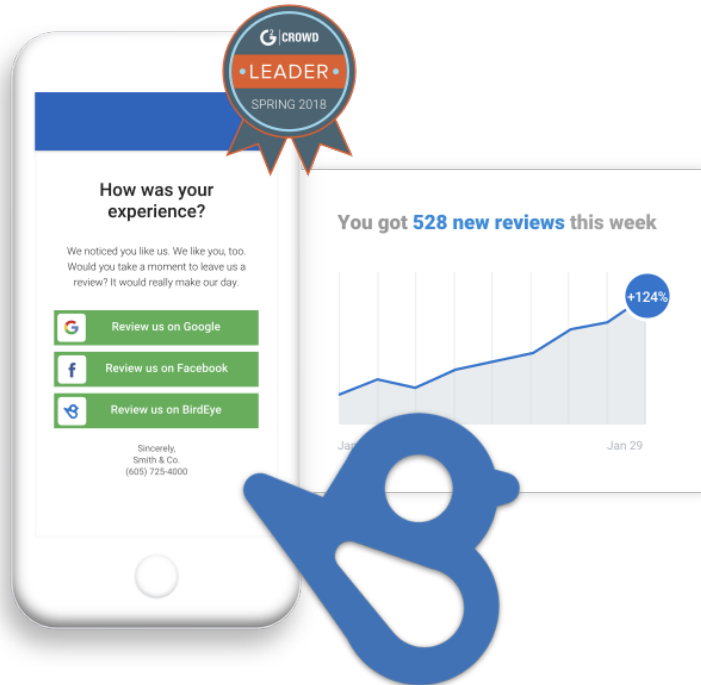
*If you register now, the cost for one module is \$249.00 for OSCA members and \$279.00 per Module for non-OSCA members. Save by buying all four Modules for \$950.00 for OSCA members or \$1070 for non-OSCA members (save \$46.00). Registering at the door will be \$299.00.*

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