

# HEARTBEAT

*The monthly newsletter from The OSCA*

**May 2019**

## **Need-To-Know Insurance Updates**

**Aetna's partnership with SecureCare** - The OSCA has been made aware that Aetna has entered into a new agreement with SecureCare, Inc. To clarify, the OSCA is merely making members aware of this change. The OSCA is in no way, affiliated or involved with SecureCare or this new agreement. It will, however, affect those members who are Aetna providers beginning July 1st, 2019.

1. If you are out of network with Aetna, nothing changes.
2. If you are in-network with Aetna and SCC, you will receive a proposed contract soon.
3. If you are in Aetna and not in SCC, you will have to join SCC to remain in-network with Aetna.

If you would like to receive more information on SCC, you can enroll on their website. Just because you enroll on their website, it does not mean that you are signing up for anything. This puts you on the communication list for the information to make the best decision for your office. If you are already in SecureCare, you will be receiving an email with the information packet soon. For any other questions, please contact SecureCare at 1-877-462-4476.

**Anthem Update** - The OSCA continues to provide frequent feedback to Anthem on behalf of our members regarding recent policy updates, including E/M services.

Here is what we know so far:

- Anthem published two updates for E/M services, one with an effective date of 3/1/19, and a duplicate with an effective date 5/1/19. Anthem tells us they intended for one to apply to their Medicare Advantage plan and one to apply to their commercial plans, although that was not clear in their original publications.
- When our providers are reaching out to their Anthem Provider Representative to get clarification on the policy, they are given confusing or conflicting information. We have brought this to Anthem's attention. We believe that some of the confusion is because they are crossing over information between the Medicare Advantage and Commercial plans.
- Anthem is meeting internally to review the information presented by OSCA and we anticipate a follow up meeting between OSCA and Anthem Ohio's Medical Director and Provider Team.

We will provide additional updates as soon as the information becomes available. As always, please feel free to reach out to the OSCA with any questions.

**MMO Policy Update** - We are continuing to communicate with Medical Mutual on their new chiropractic policy intended to create clarity going forward. We have been told that this policy is still planning to be introduced soon, but is currently still in committee at MMO. We will inform all members as soon as we have received these policy updates.

*Want more updates? Have questions? Join Dr. Brandy Spaulding on May 15th in Columbus or May 21st in Cleveland! Click the banner below to find out more about the events and register today! Spots are limited and you can't afford to miss this seminar!*

## Trends, Updates, and Documentation Must-Haves for Today's Chiropractic Office

May 15 - Columbus  
May 21 - Cleveland



## Government Corner

**House Bill 151** - Ohio House Bill 151 had sponsor testimony in the House Health Committee on May 7th, 2019. Representative Rick Carfagna (R- Genoa Township) spoke to the committee about the importance of not only assisting those DCs that have massive student loan debt, but increasing access to chiropractic care to under-served areas.

If passed, the bill would give select applicants up to \$10,000 annually for repayment of outstanding chiropractic school debt. Those who have practiced in a designated chiropractic health resource shortage area for a minimum of two years and see patients, regardless of their ability to pay. These areas would be decided by the Ohio Department of Health. We hope that this bill comes up in committee in the next few weeks for proponent testimony. More updates will be provided when that time comes.



## Ohio Update

## 2019 OSCA Convention - 50th Anniversary Celebration!

**Exhibitors:** If you are thinking about exhibiting at the 2019 OSCA Convention, act fast! The front foyer is already booked up and tables in the main hall are going fast! For more information, [click here](#) or contact Lora at [Lora@oscachiro.org](mailto:Lora@oscachiro.org)!

**Hotel Block is live!** The hotel block is open for the annual convention! Rooms are \$159 per night. Rate & rooms are available to attendees and vendors. Hotel guests will also receive free wifi in their rooms, free parking, a refrigerator, microwave and access to an indoor pool and fitness center! [Click here to reserve your room!](#)



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