

**A previous version of this email incorrectly stated the resolution was HR 8707. The correct resolution number is HR 8702.*



HEART BEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

December 2020

Medicare Bill Action Center

Contact your legislators today!

Medicare Bill Action Center:

The OSCA partnered with ChiroCongress last month to launch the Medicare Action Center to encourage our members to reach out to their legislators to prevent the proposed Medicare cuts. Now we ask you to reach out to ask your legislators to support HR 8702. HR 8702 is supported by multiple health care provider groups, still allows for the increase in E/M reimbursement, but waives the requirement to reach budget neutrality through reducing other fees, and provides this temporary resolution for a period of 2 years instead of one. This would allow for more time to come to a permanent solution.



Due to the incredible response by our members the first time, ChiroCongress asks for your help again. Please take a minute to submit communications via our Medicare Action Center by clicking here. We can make a difference and help prevent cuts to Doctors of Chiropractic all across the country.

House Bill 151 Signed by Governor

Governor DeWine has signed the OSCA's House Bill 151 into law on November 22nd. This bill creates the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program and remedies animal chiropractic language. As the legislature included an emergency clause to the bill, it takes effect immediately.

The OSCA has fielded multiple inquiries regarding both the loan program and the animal chiropractic



Ohio Update

list. As a reminder, this bill creates a chiropractic loan repayment program to offer chiropractors around the state up to \$30,000 in loan repayment support if they serve in what is deemed a “health resource shortage area.” Any licensed chiropractor in the state of Ohio or student in their final year of chiropractic school, who serves or plans to serve in one of these shortage areas will be able to apply. The annual grant will not exceed \$10,000 per person. The Department of Health is charged with

running this program. We do not have any information on when they will begin implementing this program, but once we have more information, we will be sure to communicate these details with OSCA members. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Health by [clicking here](#).

The bill also authorizes an animal chiropractic practitioner to practice animal chiropractic without the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, given that they register with the State Chiropractic Board. For a DC to be an animal chiropractic practitioner, they must hold a current, valid certification from The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, The International Veterinary Chiropractic Association, the College of Animal Chiropractors or any other credentialing organization specified in rules. We know that the State Chiropractic Board is in the process of creating the rules surrounding this list. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Ohio Chiropractic Board at oscb.chirobd@chr.state.oh.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS



New Webinars this December!

We are excited to offer brand new events for December and January! We have 4 great events coming up in the next month, including 3 BRAND NEW webinars on our site! These webinars are free for OSCA members. **A new webinar will be posted to our site every Tuesday for the next 3 weeks.** Preview the upcoming events below and [click here to view all the current webinars in our system!](#)

December 8, 2020: Introduction to Women's Health Part 1

Join 2020 OSCA Convention Speaker, Dr. Jennifer Illes as she walks you through women's health from a chiropractic perspective. Dr. Illes is a licensed chiropractor, acupuncturist, and registered nurse, and she brings her unique and well-rounded experience to this seminar made for everyone! Completion of this webinar will earn you 1 hour of CE.

December 15, 2020: Introduction to Women's Health Part 2

Dr. Illes' seminar continues, as she dives deeper into women's health issues, and how you as a chiropractor can address them. Completion of this webinar will earn you 1 hour of CE.

December 22, 2020: E/M Updates for 2021

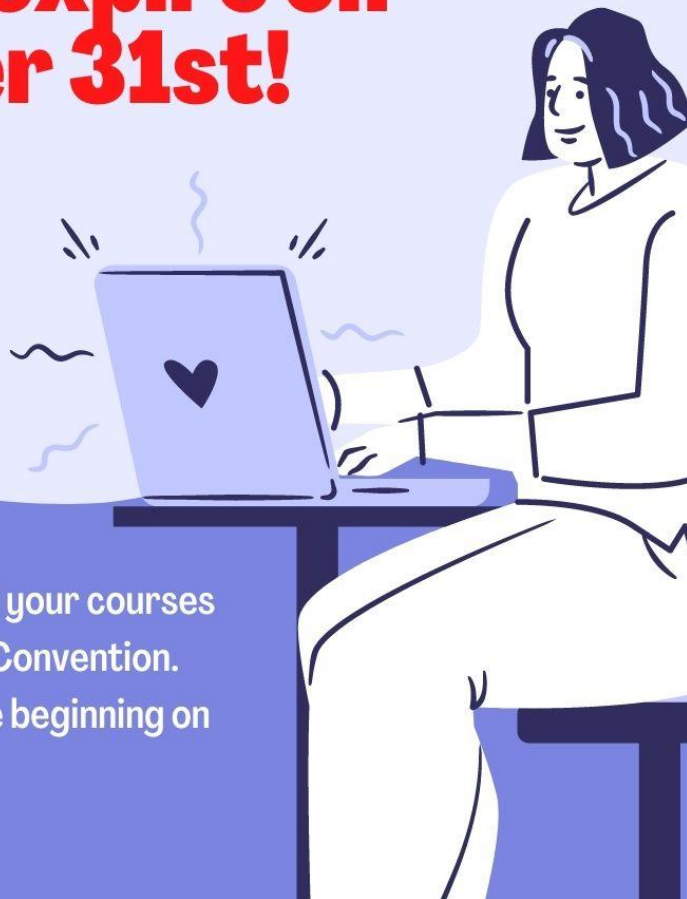
OSCA Executive Director, Dr. Spaulding presents this webinar on everything you need to know about the latest updates to E/M codes that affect DCs. These codes go into effect on January 1st, so you definitely don't want to miss this great webinar. Completion of this webinar will earn you 1 hour of CE.

January 9th, 2021: Rehab Council Think Tank

After a successful first session, Dr. Joe Spaulding and the Rehab Council will be holding another Rehab Think Tank on Saturday, January 9th from 12pm-2pm. This is an interactive, roundtable virtual meeting to discuss any Rehab cases you have in your office, so please submit submissions to discuss! [To learn more and sign up, click here!](#)

Convention Courses expire on December 31st!

Don't forget to take all your courses from the 2020 OSCA Convention. The site will be inactive beginning on January 1st.



ChiroCongress National Strategic Plan

The OSCA sent all members a link to the ChiroCongress Survey, as they begin formulating a national strategic plan for chiropractic. Your answers will help

shape this strategic plan. This survey was sent to chiropractors and other interested parties who work in and with the field.

While the survey originally ran to the end of November, **ChiroCongress recently announced that the survey was extended through December 4th.** The OSCA encourages all Ohio DCs to take this survey and make their voices heard!

Additional opportunities for engagement and details about the project can be found by [visiting the project portal](#).

[Click here to take the survey!](#)

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Medical Equipment
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license (HMEL) or
registration (HMER)?**

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information from the State of Ohio
Board of Pharmacy**

Affiliate Member Spotlight

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for chiropractors and multispecialty practices nationwide. Gold Star has enjoyed a warm relationship with Ohio Chiropractors, and its very first client was (and still is) an Ohio DC! Lisa Maciejewski-West, the owner of Gold Star is a popular speaker at national, state and local chiropractic and medical associations throughout the USA. The mission statement of Gold Star is "Giving Doctors the Freedom to be Doctors."

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