



The Lame Duck legislative session is notorious for its whirlwind nature—a chaotic mix of last-minute strategies, long nights, and unexpected turns. This year, your Ohio State Chiropractic Association (OSCA) braved the roller coaster ride with HB 141, and we're thrilled to announce a huge win!

The Mission of HB 141

HB 141 aimed to enhance access to conservative treatment options for Ohioans by addressing inequitable cost-sharing practices. Specifically, the bill ensures that patients' cost-sharing obligations for chiropractic care cannot exceed the cost of seeing their primary care physician (MD or DO). This is a significant step toward reducing barriers to chiropractic care and empowering patients with more affordable healthcare choices.

The Roller Coaster Ride

Though HB 141 faced no direct opposition in the House or Senate, external factors like time and procedural constraints tested our resolve. Our lobbying team worked tirelessly, especially in the final days of the session, with every hour bringing new challenges and opportunities. Here's a glimpse into the final hours:

- **Tuesday:** With no remaining path to pass HB 141 as a standalone bill, we pivoted to a new strategy—amending our language into another bill. 15 amendments were under consideration for inclusion via this strategy, however, ours was one of only three adopted by the committee. Further, HB 141 was the only amendment adopted in the committee with no objections and a unanimous yes vote.
- **Wednesday:** The final day of the 135th General Assembly was also the last chance to move any legislation. Unrelated to our language, the initial amended bill was voted down on the House floor early in the day, leaving us with one last, high-stakes option: including our language in the final bill that would be considered by this general assembly through a conference committee process. Late last night, we got the news—we made it into the committee report.
- **After Midnight:** Votes were secured, the conference committee reconvened, and around 2:15 a.m., the final bill—now including our language—passed both chambers and is on its way to the Governor's desk for signature.

This Victory Belongs to You

Legislative wins like this are only possible because of YOU:

- Your membership empowers OSCA to advocate on your behalf.
- Your PAC contributions fuel our efforts.
- Your engagement in letter-writing campaigns and other strategies amplifies our voice.

Together, we protect our scope, promote chiropractic, and improve access to essential services for all Ohioans. While no single bill can resolve all challenges in our healthcare system, each victory brings us closer to a better future.

Call to Action

Thank you to our members for your unwavering support. Your commitment makes these victories possible. For those who are not yet part of our community, we invite you to join us. The OSCA is the only statewide association in Ohio dedicated to advancing chiropractic and tackling the challenges that matter most to providers and patients alike. We look forward to taking on more of these issues in the next general assembly. Let's continue to make a difference—together.

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