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KCA Submits Arguments on “Chiropractic Physician” Issue.

After extensive discussions with KCA members around the state and with members of the Board of Directors, Dr. Kenyon Erickson, KCA President and KCA Executive Director John Kiefhaber have submitted a letter outlining KCA objections to the Board of Healing Arts concerning its reversal of its long-standing policy on the use of the term “chiropractic physician.” The letter outlines four major objections: 1) the Board’s role is to protect the health of the public, not to rule on terminology that does not pose a danger to the public; 2) the issue was not on the agenda for the August, 2008 meeting where the decision was made, thus preventing members from getting full information on the issue; 3) the *Malmstrom* court case cited by legal staff is not proper precedent for this issue; 4) most other states and the federal government use the term. The letter was submitted in preparation for a formal KCA presentation before the Board of Healing Arts on this critical issue (letter enclosed in mailing).

***Are You Ready for Spring
Convention?*** Program and registration materials will be out soon for KCA’s Spring Convention at the Wichita Airport Hilton May 16-17, 2009. Please save the date. You can reserve a room now online by going to the hotel link on the KCA website (kansaschiro.com) under “Events,” or by calling the hotel at (316) 945-5272. Among the

featured speakers this year will be Dr. William Moreau, D.C., on *Mild Traumatic Brain Injury*, and Dr. Ronald Evans, D.C., vice-president of the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, will bring us up-to-date on national events within the profession. Be there!

National Health Reform Needs You!

Chiropractic professional organizations throughout the nation are now joining up under “the Summit” to spread the word about the importance of chiropractic TO PATIENTS. A national agreement has been reached between the American Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, the Association of Chiropractic Colleges, the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations and many other groups to work toward the same goal this year. The need for chiropractic services must be apparent to federal policy makers and we must be at the table when decisions by the Obama administration concerning national health care reform are made. You can do something now – we are signing up doctors and patients throughout the nation for future letter-writing campaigns that will be needed this year.

For the ICA there is AdjustTheVote.org, to solicit members of the profession, patients and chiropractic supporters to write their legislators on this critical issue.

For the ACA there is ChiroVoice.org, to mobilize a coordinated campaign

to lobby Congress and the new administration concerning patient access to chiropractic.

Please get your PATIENTS involved in this!

TALL Event a Success.

KCA members from across the state attended the annual Take-a-Legislator-to-Lunch event on February 12 in Topeka. New this year was a tour of the Capitol and private meetings with Senate President Steven Morris and with House Speaker Terry O'Neill. Twenty-seven legislators attended our evening reception as well. Key legislative relationships, which are critical to KCA's mission, were renewed or started.

Radiologic Technology Training Now Required.

The state of Kansas now requires that all unlicensed personnel assisting with x-ray procedures obtain 12 hours of safety and patient care training each calendar year. KCA has produced a training course for CAs, which is also being attended by medical assistants and nurses, that is being offered around the state in 6 to 12-hour sessions. The next session will be held at the KCA Spring Convention in Wichita. More dates will be announced soon.

It's 20%.

Since it is tax time, please be sure your accountant knows your non-deductible portion of your KCA dues is 20%. That amount covers KCA political action and PAC fund contributions from dues.

Dr. Terry Webb to the Board of Healing Arts.

One of three KCA member doctors nominated to fill the seat of resigning Healing Arts Board member Dr. Vinton Arnett, Dr. Terry Webb of Hutchinson was appointed by the Governor in February to fill the third chiropractic seat on the Board. Dr. Webb has practiced since 1980 and currently has two additional chiropractors incorporating senior care, acupuncture and nutritional counseling.

Legislative Session Moving to First Adjournment.

Under enormous pressure to somehow balance the Fiscal 09 and Fiscal 010 budgets at the same time, the Kansas Legislature has mainly avoided any real attempt at health care reform measures submitted by the Governor. KCA has been tracking several bills this year, including:

HB2010 – which establishes a records-retention fund at the Board of Healing Arts to enable the state to manage patient records for professional practices that close without proper records retention. The measure originally required an annually updated records retention protocol from each practitioner, but that provision was amended out at the request of the Kansas Medical Society.

SB 200 – which follows up on last year's requirements for a public website displaying Healing Arts Board actions against physicians and other practitioners.

Board Action.

The KCA Board of Directors, at its meeting in Topeka on February 12, approved the appointment of a new Website Committee. Members include Dr. Travis Oller, Topeka; Dr. Paul Brackeen, Derby; and Dr. Tobi Jeurink, Gardner. The committee will work with Dr. Kenyon Erickson, President, and Executive Director John Kiefhaber to plan and design an upgrade of the KCA website this year.

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