WHEREAS, the 2005 report from the US Office of Health and Human Services’ Office of the Inspector General extrapolates from a review of records from 2001 that a number of claims submitted to Medicare were flawed, and

WHEREAS, the same report noted 2/3 of all chiropractic claims failed to document medical necessity, and

WHEREAS, the public interest is best served by all health care providers maintaining accurate records of patient visits, including appropriate documentation of medical necessity; and

WHEREAS, chiropractic regulatory boards are empowered to enforce documentation and recordkeeping practices by doctors of chiropractic, and public protection will be enhanced from focused regulatory emphasis on these practice areas; now therefore be it

RESOLVED

that the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) encourages member boards require approved continuing education in documentation and recordkeeping as a condition for relicensure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED

that the FCLB work with the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and other interested stakeholders to encourage inclusion of acceptable documentation and recordkeeping as part of the chiropractic curriculum; and be it

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that the FCLB encourage the examinations of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners to reflect this aspect of the curriculum as may be appropriate.

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