

Mission Bay, California
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RESOLUTION #4-19C

Submitted for Consideration by Dr. Robert G. Frieman (Maryland Delegate)

Whereas the term “physician” refers to a healer or one who tends to the ills, sicknesses, well-being and maintenance of well-being in human health, dating back through the ages, and is not strictly related to or owned by a particular treatment philosophy or profession, and

Whereas the practice of chiropractic since its founding has been a member of the healing arts that addresses the human state of health through natural and wholistic methods, providing an approach seeking the promotion of optimal health and wellness, and

Whereas chiropractic is a licensed health care profession and chiropractors are recognized and accepted as portal of entry, primary care doctors, responsible for proper decision-making regarding diagnosis, treatment and referral to other providers when appropriate, and

Whereas chiropractors are employed in the Veterans Administration, Accepted in Medicare, Medicaid, accepted in third-party health insurance and HMOs, and

Whereas chiropractors are educated and in many states licensed to order or perform diagnostic testing including x-rays, laboratory blood and urine, MRI, and other standard diagnostic testing, and

Whereas patients may seek chiropractic care for diagnosis and treatment from a licensed chiropractor without the requirement of a referral or “pre-screening” by a medical or other physician, and

Whereas chiropractors are

Included in the category of providers such as MDs, DOs, podiatrists, oral surgeons, and Nurse Practitioners, considered “physicians” by Medicare, and

Whereas the term “physician” when used with “chiropractic” as in “chiropractic physician” is an appropriate description of the role carried out by a chiropractor as they accept patients directly and make clinical decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment.

Therefore we resolve that the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards fully supports the use of the term “Chiropractic Physician” to further standardize our position and describe the chiropractor in his/her role within the ever changing healthcare arena.

Adopted by the delegate body

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