

Florida Chiropractic Association's 2017 Legislative Agenda for a Healthier Florida

Provide employers and patients access to new Direct Primary Care plans

Last session the legislature came close to allowing employers and patients to contract directly with physicians for primary health care services, freeing those agreements from the definition and regulations associated with traditional insurance products. This year there's an opportunity to finish the job in providing a novel new option for lower cost primary care. Chiropractic physicians screen, assess, diagnose and treat patients for the purpose of promoting health or detecting and managing disease or injury within their competency and training as primary care providers and are rightfully included among those authorized to offer such care. **We urge your strong support of SB 240 by Sen. Lee and HB 161 by Rep. Burgess.**

As no-fault/PIP auto insurance reforms work, turn focus to premiums

According to a report commissioned by the Office of Insurance Regulation released last September, the 2012 changes to Florida's no-fault system have reduced fraud and abuse with total Florida PIP losses down by 20%. However, while there have been some reductions in premiums, these savings have not generally translated into savings for Florida drivers. We support continued efforts to fight fraud and abuse while maintaining the no-fault system and PIP coverage requirement. **We urge you to oppose SB 156 proposed by Sen. Brandes.**

Allow patient choice and improve access to chiropractic care for injured workers

As the Legislature looks at reforms to Florida's workers' compensation system, it makes sense to consider both improving injured workers' access to, and eliminating limitation on, cost-effective chiropractic care. With almost one-half of all WC claims related to low back problems, the conservative, non-drug therapies offered by chiropractic treatment should be a patient's first choice rather than their last resort. Numerous studies show that greater access to chiropractic can actually reduce costs, improve outcomes and increase patient satisfaction, all without reliance on addictive and dangerous opioids.

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