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State of Rhode Island General Assembly

RE: Bills S2330 & H7033

Most Honorable Senators and Representatives,

My name is Dr. Robert C. Campbell. I am a Chiropractic neurologist, and herniated disc specialist who has now practiced in Westerly for 29 years. I am asking you for your support and passage of bills S2330 and H7033 which would allow for the inclusion of Chiropractic care in our State's Medicaid program. I realize that there have been many documents submitted to Members, including the studies performed by UHC/Optum in RI, showing the cost effectiveness as well as positive outcomes for patients under Chiropractic care. Simply, Chiropractic does not add cost to the system, but saves money as our care can help avoid unnecessary surgeries as well as drug costs. Those who have surgical procedures on their spines, typically have a second surgery within 5-7 years. And as you are well aware, the opioid pandemic has only worsened. We as Chiropractors do not deal with pharmaceuticals, however, The Rhode Island Department of Health emails me weekly with the statistics related to opioid use and deaths.

Surrounding states, allow for their Medicaid population to benefit from Chiropractic care. Why not Rhode Island? Chiropractic is the second most popular form of health care to typical allopathic care. It's the largest of "alternative medicine." The medical community does not have the answer to neuro-musculo-skeletal pain. This is where we specialize. Typical care from medicine is; medication, physical therapy and surgery. That's ok as that is what they are experts in, yet the research shows otherwise when compared to Chiropractic. Why not utilize a profession, which has been proven safe, has positive outcomes, is cost effective and has been available since 1895? I have included attachments which provide peer reviewed research showing the efficacy of conservative Chiropractic care. A study exactly related to your decision tonight, where in Missouri, the authors, McGowen and Suiter discussed the addition of Chiropractic to their Medicaid program. Their conclusions: 1. Chiropractic care provided better outcomes at lower cost. 2. Chiropractic treatment and care leads to a reduction in cost of spinal surgery and 3. Chiropractic care leads to cost saving from the reduced use and ABUSE of opioid prescription medications.

Why is Chiropractic care not available to those folks who probably need it the most? Please vote to pass these bills so that our population can thrive, continue to work and provide for their families. There is no need for Medicaid participants to be thrust into the cycle of drugs, therapy and surgery. A cycle which not only costs the State, but ultimately does not get the people well, those whom you are trying to help. Chiropractic is cost effective, has positive outcomes is non-invasive and non-pharmaceutical. Certainly a win-win proposition.

Best In Health,

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