

Advancing Access, Advocacy, and Care in California

FAIR PAY FOR CARE

Chiropractic benefit intermediaries are currently exempt from medical loss ratio requirements, the standard that ensures a minimum percentage of healthcare dollars is spent on patient care rather than retained as profit. This regulatory gap allows these entities to divert funds away from providers and the patients they serve. Additionally, chiropractors are required to negotiate contracts individually rather than collectively, creating a significant power imbalance and resulting in unfavorable reimbursement terms compared to other healthcare specialties. The absence of standardized electronic billing requirements further limits transparency, making it difficult to track how funds flow through the system and driving up unnecessary administrative costs. CalChiro is pursuing targeted regulatory and legislative reforms to address these disparities, strengthen consumer protections, and ensure equitable reimbursement for chiropractic care.

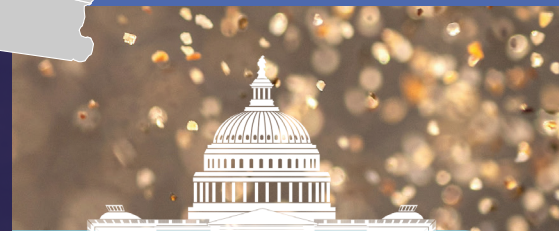


SB 1269 (OCHOA BOGH) DIRECT ACCESS ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC CARE

The public is seeking non-invasive, drug-free, and affordable options for their pets' healthcare. SB 1269 allows the public direct access to properly certified animal chiropractors (AVCA, IVCA) for a limited period before referral back to a veterinarian. SB 1269 will put language under the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to increase public safety. Chiropractors who are not certified may continue to practice animal chiropractic under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Certified animal chiropractors are an asset in addressing the access to care issue in California.

LIFTING CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT CAP FOR MEDI-CAL PATIENTS

Access to health providers for Medi-Cal beneficiaries has become exponentially significant as more individuals are becoming eligible for Medi-Cal. For approximately five decades, Medi-Cal has limited beneficiaries' access to doctors of chiropractic to two visits/month. Of all the Medi-Cal optional benefits, chiropractic was found to be the second least costly. It would cost the state \$1.7 million annually to restore the Medi-Cal benefit. This is a minimal cost that will yield high benefits. **It's time for California to provide equal access to important chiropractic care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries by restoring this benefit.**



Questions?

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