Chiropractic Guidelines Submission

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Please respond to stevenha

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To the National Chiropractic Board:

As a parent and advocate of the importance of Chiropractic care for children, I must protest the proposed inclusion of clause 2.10.7 that "frequent chiropractic checks or treatment of children without symptoms or signs has not been supported by current available evidence and is currently not recommended..." in the proposed national guidelines for Chiropractors.

What drives this strange and nonsensical inclusion? Surely, we have all reached the awareness both through research and experience that symptoms are the last indicators to arise of problems within biological systems. Surely the inclusion of this clause runs counter to government initiatives of early detection and proactive health care. Surely, the board must understand that Chiropractors are trained to detect stress in the nervous system long before the symptoms of ill health or loss of function arise. In order to be able to identify the signs which precede symptoms, we must be allowed to check and when dealing with the nervous system, frequency is essential to bringing positive correction, particularly as children are developing so rapidly (just ask any teacher). The proposed legislation runs counter to best practice and duty of care where neurology is concerned.

More and more, current available medical research supports the role of compromised neurology in serious adult diseases such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The signs exist in childhood if we care to look, however, the symptoms do not arise until adulthood. Stress in utero appears to be a priming factor. Do we really want to wait until these diseases appear if the technology and our education allow us to prevent them by working proactively with children? If we are serious about improving the health of future generations we must all work together to do so. The most powerful contribution Chiropractic can make to this end, is the early detection of stress in the nervous system, the system which governs our childrens' learning, immune function and behaviour and their health into adulthood. Do we want to raise another generation of sick and reactive health care 'victims'?. Symptoms are costly. Our hospitals and resources are stretched. Smart medicine doesn't take sides. It is time to open our minds to the contribution all 'sides' can make to the wellbeing of our children before they suffer the horrific effects of 'symptoms'. In the name of common sense, this clause must be turned over. Informed parents will demand it.

Yours sincerely,

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