National Guidelines for Chiropractic

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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: National Guidelines for Chiropractic

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed guidelines.
It is unfortunate that we have been only granted one week to examine this material, particularly since the week spanned the Easter 4 day weekend - when many people are away on holiday.

I am concerned about a number of sections and with limited time cannot address them in detail now. However the sections that concern me most include:

Advertising Guidelines
- Use of testimonials
- Use of photos or images
- Specific wording for Vitamin or herbal supplements
- Special offers that may include extra value eg. Massage voucher

These sections require reworking and present as anti-competitive.

Personal Relationships Guideline
- In relation to the care of family, or close personal friends it is improper to be prescriptive about whether a professional relationship may or may not occur. Rather the practitioner should independently reason if their care is appropriate or whether referral may be required.
I would suspect that in the majority of cases, care provided to a mother, brother, father or child of the care giver would be of the highest standards of all.

Working with Adults or Children
- Frequency of Care of Children.
How can this paragraph (bullet point 5 , 2.10.7) not recommend that children be checked periodically when the following paragraph (2.11.1) states "*The primary goal of chiropractic care is to promote and optimise good health and function, maintain it, and prevent the recurrence of injury and dysfunction. Used appropriately, chiropractic care is capable of reducing pain, improving function, injury prevention and promoting health.* "
Surely chiropractic assessment and treatment goes well beyond checking milestones and indeed beyond manual care to include nutritional and exercise prescription.
Don't our children deserve to have the same wholistic care to ensure optimal function and injury prevention?

I look forward to your revisions of these among other sections and trust other submissions will address these areas in further detail.

Sincerely,

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