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To whom it may concern,

I have read several submissions from fellow colleagues and found an overwhelming disgust for these proposed guidelines- and quite honestly, I agree with them. Firstly, the issue of "checking" or "screening" of children- the suggestion that children should NOT be attended to by a chiropractor unless there are symptoms is ridiculous as a symptom is quite simply a result of an underlying cause which WE as chiropractors assess, address, then (safely and effectively) adjust. Following this, education is given (mainly to the parent, but also to the child/teenager) so as to help prevent a re-occurrence of the same event. To say that we as chiropractors should NOT be able to see a patient (regardless of age) unless they are symptomatic is totally restrictive and infers that if a parent decides to bring their non-symptomatic child in for a check-up that we should direct them away from chiropractic care- this is outrageous.
Furthermore, the suggestion that x-rays must only be taken in the presence of a red flag is also a potentially negligent and / or dangerous course to take with a patient. For example; in approximately 4-10% of patients have a Lumbosacral Transitional Segment (LSTV) or Sacralization (Yochum & Rowe, 3rd ed., 2005, pg 313). If we were unable to x-ray this patient for their original LBP presentation and proceeded to adjust what we thought was L5 (as noted in our clinical notes) and it was found not to be so in further investigation then is that malpractice, negligence or what ?? These sorts of presentations (though admittedly fairly rare) may help us (and the patient) in understanding and helping the CAUSE of the LBP. This principle may also be applied to Posterior Ponticles, Staghorn Calcifications, Osteoporosis, Pars Interarticularis Fractures, Abdominal Aortic Calcifications and others too lengthy to list... Some though are not going to deter the chiropractor from their original approach but some will.
I ask that these issues are discussed at length with extensive chiropractic input and the decision to incorporate it into our National Registration Guidelines be declined. I strongly oppose these (among other proposed guidelines) be dismissed.

Yours sincerely,

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