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To whom it may concern,
I am writing to object to the latest national chiropractic guidelines proposal. Firstly there has been not enough consultation or time given to go through this very detailed document. I first recieved an email from the Chiropractors Association about three weeks ago.
I understand that, like in other professions, we have a few bad eggs who put makeing a quick buck before quality patient care. However placeing broad brushed extremely constrictive and largely unreasonable restrictions on our entire profession is NOT the solution. For example there are many legitimate reasons why many chiropractors choose to take x-rays other than purely for red flags! Eg assistance with structural correction, assessment of degenerative changes, congenital anomolies, or maybe even cancer or other pathologies not redily apparent from consultation or examination. Some chiropractors still use manual techniques. Would you suggest we risk fracturing someones spine or triggering a pathalogical chain reaction rather than takeing an x-ray as a preventative and useful diagnostic procedure.
I also object to being told I am not to treat children as a matter of prevention. Many research studies have been proven wrong over the years and I believe the best evidence is clinically based. Although I am not regularly in the practice of treating children without symptoms I certainly believe that we as experienced chiropractors can see and feel when something is wrong and have the ability to improve the spinal health and therefore the total health of the child.
I also don't believe that maximum treatment frequency or duration should be predetermined with this same broad based one size fits all approach. Surely an intelligent and ethical chiropractor should be able to tailor the treatment frequency and duration to the patients spacific needs.
I know that many other chiropractors share my concerns and I hope that chiropractic in this country can continue to grow without compromising our ethical standards or our philosophical values.
Yours faithfully,
Richard Sloane Chiropractor

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