

CHIROPRACTIC FUNDING IN JEOPARDY

January 27, 2010

Dear Chiropractic Patient:

After negotiating for almost a year, the Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan (CAS) recently reached an agreement for the provision of chiropractic services with Saskatchewan Health. This agreement was ratified by the CAS membership and signed by its President.

The government has just advised the CAS that it may not honour the terms of the negotiated contract. Furthermore, the government is considering eliminating all funding for chiropractic treatment in the upcoming budget in March.

This unprecedented and shortsighted approach, if implemented, will mean that the government will no longer pay for a portion of chiropractic fees, thereby offloading the full cost of chiropractic care on you, the chiropractic patient. This will substantially increase the cost of your treatment.

Your help is needed **NOW** in getting the government to honour the contract that they have negotiated with the CAS. For this reason, the CAS is asking you to sign a letter to the Minister of Health. The letter will be forwarded from the clinic at no cost to you. We are also asking you to sign a petition to this effect.

Let the government know that, as a chiropractic patient, you will not tolerate their unilateral rejection of a negotiated agreement or any reduction in funding for chiropractic care.

To be most effective please contact your Sask. Party or NDP MLA in person: By phone, letter, e-mail, or with a visit within the next week. Please tell family and friends to do the same. Let them know that chiropractic care and coverage is important to their constituents.

Thank you,

The Levesque Chiropractic Clinic.

Date: _____

Honourable Don McMorris
Minister of Health
Room 302, Legislative Building
REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN
S4S 0B6

Dear Minister McMorris:

I have been advised that the government may not honour an agreement negotiated between the Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Health. Furthermore, you are apparently considering the elimination of all funding in the upcoming budget for chiropractic care.

I strongly urge you and your colleagues in government to honour the agreement negotiated with the CAS. Offloading the cost of chiropractic care on to chiropractic patients is unfair, shortsighted and totally at odds with the government's Patient First review of the province's health system. Eliminating funding for chiropractic care will not save the health system money or make it function more efficiently. It will do just the opposite as many chiropractic patients will be forced to seek care from areas of the health care system, such as medical clinics and hospital emergency rooms, that are more costly to the taxpayer and already overstressed.

It is in the best interests of patients, the health system and your government to honour the agreement that you have negotiated with the chiropractic profession.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Name: (Please print) _____

Address: (Please print) _____

cc. Premier
Minister of Finance
Saskatchewan Party MLA

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