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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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“Building Change in Minnesota”

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM: It seems as though you can't turn on the television or radio or open a newspaper or magazine without hearing or seeing discussions about national health care reform. There is a lot of talk about what the reform will look like and I believe we are still a long way from seeing a finished product. Among some of the topics being discussed, besides the need to provide coverage for the uninsured, are the need for electronic recordkeeping, evidence-based guidelines, better quality care, outcome data collection, and preventive and wellness care.

That is why it is important that we continue to be in constant contact with our United States Senators and Representatives to let them know that whatever form the reform takes, chiropractic needs to be included. If you have not contacted your Senators or Representative(s) I urge you to do so as soon as possible. I also suggest that you encourage your patients to contact them as well. They need to hear from the chiropractic community.

I also suggest you start looking at implementing some of these recommendations into your practice. We are less than six months away from 2010. In the future, payers are going to want to communicate with you electronically as much as possible. Are you submitting your claims electronically? Are you using electronic medical records? I believe payers are going to want their members to receive care from the providers who give the best quality care with the best outcomes. Are you aware of evidenced-based guidelines? Do you capture outcomes assessment data in your clinic?

The debate on national health care reform is just starting to heat up. Now is the time to start paying attention and start being proactive by contacting your national legislators and by looking at how you operate your health care business. Change is coming, will you be ready?

If you have any questions or comments I would like to hear from you. Please call me at 1-800-658-2214 or e-mail me at jsmith@casd.us. Sincerely, Jeff Smith – Executive Director

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