

TESTIMONY

Before the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

By Dr. Travis Oller, KCA Legislative Chair

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Chairperson Pilcher-Cook and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the allowing us the time to help familiarize this committee with the various healthcare organizations in the State of Kansas.

My name is Travis Oller and I am a Doctor of Chiropractic. I live and work here in Topeka and I am the Chair of the Kansas Chiropractic Association's Legislative Committee as well as a Director on the Association's governing board.

The Kansas Chiropractic Association represents the 1028 licensed Doctors of Chiropractic in the State of Kansas. As an organization we do not receive any funds from the State of Kansas. We are completely funded through member dues and corporate sponsorships.

Doctors of Chiropractic in this State are not currently reimbursed by the State for services rendered to Medicaid recipients. We are reimbursed for chiropractic services rendered to Medicare recipients.

In this State Doctors of Chiropractic sit on the Board of Healing Arts along with Medical Doctors, Osteopathic Doctors, and Doctors of Podiatric Medicine.

Doctors of Chiropractic in the State of Kansas are licensed as Practitioners of the Healing Arts and as such are able to "diagnose and treat the human condition and all of its diseases." The only restrictions on our practice are the prescription of medication, and the performance of surgery or obstetrics.

Doctors of Chiropractic treat a wide variety of conditions from musculoskeletal issues such as acute and chronic pain to visceral conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and obesity through safe and effective methods such as chiropractic adjustments, rehabilitation exercises, physical modalities, lifestyle and dietary modifications.

We are proud to offer Kansans an alternative to medications and surgery.

I will now stand for questions.

Travis Oller, DC