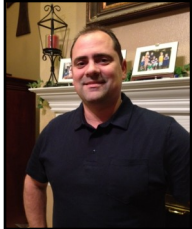


Arkansas Chiropractic Physicians Association

2014 Spring Convention Issue

From the President.....



I am proud and excited to be the new ACPA president. We are looking forward to a year of new beginnings.

We are going to see the implementation of the Affordable Health Act. We plan on giving you accurate information on how this will impact your practice by having the best continuing education classes. The ICD-10 Seminar we had February 8th and 9th was a great success. We plan on having more seminars regarding ICD-10 to help prepare everyone for the changes that are coming in October of this year. We have Dr. Sorsby of Qual-Choice coming in the spring to explain their policies on claims and x-ray authorization. We also are working with our full time lobbyist to stay on top of the new policies on private care insurance.

This is easily the most important year for us to stay in the forefront of healthcare, so it is essential that you become a part of the ACPA, both financially and time wise. We have many new committees that are in need of new faces and ideas. You can volunteer by contacting at the ACPA headquarters or contact any of the board members to discuss the areas that will best work for you. Chiropractors helping chiropractors is what we are fostering in this new association, so even if you have been a DC for 41 years or just six months, we need your wisdom and excitement to help the state of Arkansas to be the best equipped for chiropractic and leaders in healthcare. Be inspired to join what chiropractic is doing.

Chiropracticly yours,

Dr. Dustin P. Heard
ACPA President

**Arkansas
Chiropractic
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Association
Spring Convention
March 8-9
24 CE Hours**

**Hilton Garden Inn
4100 Glover Lane
North Little Rock, AR**

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October 4-5
Hot Springs, AR

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Private Option Best for Chiropractic

By Robbie Wills, Attorney and ACPA Lobbyist

With the Legislature meeting in fiscal session in February and March, many Chiropractic Physicians and members of the Arkansas Chiropractic Physicians Association (ACPA) have been wondering: How does “Obamacare” affect me? While opinions about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) vary from strongly opposed to strongly in favor, there are some elements of the ACA, and its unique implementation in Arkansas, that are very beneficial to Chiropractic Physicians and their patients.

Part of the original ACA included a mandatory expansion of Medicaid to cover previously uninsured people, with the federal government covering 100% of the cost for the first three years and no less than 90% after that. However, in 2012 the U.S. Supreme Court made this expansion voluntary. Almost immediately, many state legislatures opposed to Obamacare refused to expand Medicaid as a show of opposition to the Act. Arkansas, however, chose to chart a path-finding middle course. Arkansas pursued a waiver from the federal government to take the funds designated for the Medicaid expansion and use them to buy private health insurance for those eligible for coverage.

As you now know, the so-called "Private Option" was adopted by the Legislature in the 2013 session after a massive lobbying effort by many health care groups, including the ACPA. However, the Private Option is in big trouble at the legislature. The program has to be funded every year moving forward, and there is doubt that the votes will be there to continue it beyond July 2014. This should be of grave concern to every Chiropractic Physician in the state.

Here's the bottom-line reason on why: Chiropractic is included as an “Essential Health Benefit” under ACA. Specifically, the ACA mandates coverage for rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices to help patients “gain or recover mental and physical skills lost to injury, disability or a chronic condition. Plans have to provide 30 visits each year for either physical or occupational therapy, or visits to the chiropractor” without a referral. As you know, Medicaid has very poor coverage for Chiropractic, allowing only 12 visits a year and only after a referral from a Primary Care Physician. Thus the Private Option was a much better option for Chiropractic patients than Medicaid.

When Arkansas decided to pursue the Private Option rather than expand Medicaid, there was some debate as to whether the policies offered to that group of people had to include all the essential health benefits or if it could just mirror Medicaid's lesser benefits. In fact, the first iteration of policies offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Private Option did not explicitly include Chiropractic coverage. During the 2013 session, ACPA successfully lobbied the Governor and Legislature to clarify that these policies had to fully comply with the Affordable Care Act and that Chiropractic should be included. This was a big win for the profession.

To date, over 80,000 previously uninsured people have signed up for insurance coverage throughout the private option. That's 80,000 Arkansans who now have an insurance policy that covers up to 30 chiropractic visits a year. The state projects that by the end of 2014 over 250,000 people will have coverage through the Private Option, unless it is discontinued.

In short, it is in the best interest of Chiropractic patients and Physicians that the Private Option be renewed in the 2014 Fiscal Session. It's important that ACPA members are educated on the details of the ACA so they can speak with authority to patients and legislators alike. As a review of the essential health benefits, please refer to the article below.

ACPA will be providing information in the coming weeks stressing the importance to Chiropractic and the need to rally the ACPA troops to encourage renewal of the program.

Thank you for all you do for ACPA and the Chiropractic profession!

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Arkansas Approval # AR5400 24 CE Hours



Saturday, March 8th - 8am - 10am

QualChoice - 2 hours

Presented By: Stephen Sorsby, MD, MHA



Saturday, March 8th - 10am - 12pm

Concussion - 2 hours

Presented By: Lacye Vance

Lacye is a native Arkansas. She grew up in North East Arkansas. Lacye moved to Conway Arkansas in 2003 to attend the University of Central Arkansas. She graduated with a BS in Athletic Training in May of 2007. Lacye then moved to Lebanon Missouri to work for St. John's Hospital and provided sports medicine services to the local junior and senior high schools.

In February of 2011 Lacye moved back home to Central Arkansas and accepted the Recreational Safety Analyst position with the Statewide Injury Prevention Program. She obtained her MPH in August of 2013. She continues to serve as a resource to trauma hospitals, HHI's, EMS, and educational cooperatives. Part of her responsibilities includes assisting with the implementation of evidence based recreational injury prevention programs in our communities.

Saturday, March 8th - 12pm - 2pm

Medicare - 2 hours

Presented By: Mr. Greg Hart

Gregory Hart is the Supervisor, Provider Outreach and Education, Jurisdiction H, Novitas Solutions, Inc. Greg coordinates the provider relations and education for Medicare Part A and B in Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Prior to joining Novitas Solutions, he worked for Pinnacle BSI for over 18 years in Provider Relations and Education.

Medicare



Saturday, March 8th - 2pm - 8pm

Sunday, March 9th - 8am - 2pm

Nervous System Health: New Advances in Herbal Therapy - 12 hours

Presented By: Lee Carroll, BSc, BHSc

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Lee has an herbal practice in Brisbane Australia where he lives with his wife and two children.

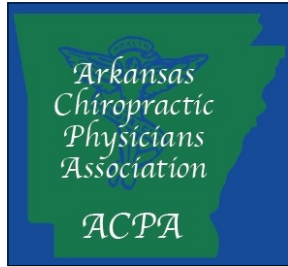


Sunday, March 9th - 2pm - 8pm

CPR and Emergency Preparedness - 6 hours

Presented By: Karen Konarski-Hart, DC, FACC, EMT

Dr. Konarski-Hart is an instructor for the American Heart Association. She is an EMT and a member of the AR 1-Disaster Medical Assistance Team, the Little Rock Medical Reserve Corps and the Little Rock community Emergency Reserve Team. She is immediate past president of the Arkansas State Board of Health and sits on the Arkansas Bioterrorism Advisory Committee and the Arkansas Department of Health Section of EMS and Trauma Systems Training committee. Dr. Konarski-Hart also teaches disaster response for the chiropractic physicians for NCMIC. As Arkansas delegate and liaison for the American Chiropractic Association, she helped develop the ACA's protocol for chiropractic disaster response. She is in private practice in Little Rock.



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CA of Member	\$129
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CLASS	Hours
1. Sat 8am-10am - Dr. Sorsby	2
2. Sat 10am-12pm - Ms. Vance	2
3. Sat 12pm-2pm - Mr. Hart	2
4. Sat 2pm-8pm - Dr. Carroll	6
5. Sun 8am-2pm - Dr. Carroll	6
6. Sun 2pm-8pm - Dr. Konarski-Hart	6

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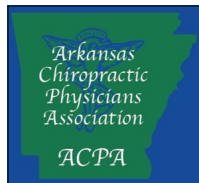
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Arkansas Chiropractic Physicians Association 2014 New Member Application

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Membership Agreement: I hereby apply for membership in the Arkansas Chiropractic Physicians Association. I agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws, code of ethics, and all amendments, regulations, and motions adopted by the membership of the board of directors. It is mutually agreed that this application, when accepted, shall constitute the full contract between the ACPA and its members. I understand that failure to remit dues will result in loss of membership and all rights and privileges thereof.

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Noon

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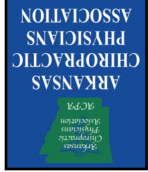
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