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Expanded Chiropractic Access for Veterans Legislation Introduced in US Senate

Legislation "To amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers," S 1204, was introduced in the US



Sen. Patty Murray speaking on the US Senate Floor.

Senate on June 8, 2009 by Washington Senator Patty Murray. Senator Murray has fought hard throughout her Congressional career for the nation's veterans and has also been a consistent supporter of chiropractic issues. Her new initiative will help end an unfair disparity in the availability of chiropractic care for veterans at a time when the need for chiropractic services has become urgent. S 1204 sets a deadline of December 31, 2011 for full inclusion of chiropractic services at all DVA facilities. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where Senator Murray serves as the third ranking Majority Member. For the full text of the legislation, go to: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:S.1204>:

"This important Senate initiative is vital to enhancing the quality and timeliness of care available to our veterans," said Dr. Michael McLean, Co-Chairman of ICA's Legislative Committee. "S 1204 represents a critical frontier for the veteran and the chiropractic profession alike and ICA urges every doctor of chiropractic in the United States to make the passage of this bill a top priority and personally act today to get their US Senators to sign on as co-sponsors." At the present time, the bill has one co-sponsor, Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas.

This new Senate bill also complements the efforts of Rep. Bob Filner (D-CA) in the US House of Representatives, who has introduced legislation in the current Congressional session, HR 1017, with comparable goals. Rep Filner has fought for several years for such expanded coverage, successfully getting this initiative passed by the House of Representatives in the last Congress. That effort was not successful in the Senate. "We hope that Senator Murray's initiative will help break the logjam for this initiative on the Senate side," said Dr. McLean.

Contact your US Senators today and urge them to co-sponsor S 1204. Tell them how important it is for our veterans to have access to the unique services only doctors of chiropractic can provide.

Log-on or Subscribe to www.AdjustTheVote.org, click on "Current Actions" click on "Request Co-sponsorship S 1204....Details", review the message and check the box under "Take Actions". You will be taken to the communication page to send email, letters and/or faxes, and just follow the instructions; the correspondence is prepared for you to customize and sign. **Take action and do this today!**

Watch ICA's website at www.chiropractic.org for updates on this vital initiative.

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