

Meet & Greet Cocktail Party COMPLIMENTARY FOR D7 MEMBERS

May 15th 7:00 pm -10:00 pm

The View in Oakdale



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The View in Oakdale 7:00 - 10:00 PM NYSCA MEMBERS ONLY Food and Cocktails

Wed., June 19 8:00 PM Monthly Meeting - Zoom Only Virtual Cocktail Party

Wed., Sept. 18 8:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Wed., Oct. 16 8:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Wed., Nov. 20 8:00 PM Monthly Meeting

Wed., Dec. 18 8:00 PM Monthly Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to May!

We often talk about the power of meeting and networking with our D7 members. In fact, I was just talking with one of members who said he is looking for advice on billing. Well, you are in luck because on May 15 Elite Medical and Zwanger-Pesiri are hosting our 2nd Annual Meet and Greet at The View in Oakdale.

This is a great time to catch up with our District 7 Gold Sponsors and colleagues, share experiences and even make new connections. The party starts at 7pm and

includes dinner and drinks. Make sure to RSVP to any board member.

Speaking of drinks, we are shifting things up for our June monthly meeting. This will be Zoom only and beyond updating you on Chiropractic happenings we will include Who Has the Coolest Drink in Hand? This Pre-Summer Cocktail Contest is open to all D7 members and should be lots of fun! From the comfort and convenience of home, log in to Zoom with your funniest cocktail. If you are voted as having the funniest drink, you will win a gift card to Starbucks! Why not give yourself a moment to have a little fun and join us for the June Zoom meeting on June 19th at 8pm.

As you know, the NYSCA Spring convention was held in April 12-14 at the Mohegan Resort in Connecticut. I would like to take a moment to gush about how great the Convention was for a multitude of reasons. The seminars were interesting and lively, the amazing vendors were informative and I had the chance to catch up with old friends. What especially stood out to me were the many chiropractic students who were there as members of SNYSCA. They were so bright eyed and pumped to become chiropractors and start helping people live better lives. As they shared their stories with me, they gave me a renewed hope about the future of our beloved profession in the state of New York. And they reignited in me some of the heightened passion I had when I first started out. I came back to my office and had My practice had one of the busiest weeks I've had in a while. What an unexpected side efffect from attending chiropractic conventions!

Shifting gears, June elections are coming up for our district. Are you ready to throw your hat in the ring? Are you ready to get more involved as a leader in D7?Do you have ideas that you would like to see realized to further the impact of our D7 community? If you would like to be on the ballot for this year's elections, let us know. We welcome and encourage new blood on our District 7 Board.

Finally, I would like to remind our members to support the NY State Association's PAC. A monthly donation of only \$20 makes a huge impact for our state to perform the legislative work that is desperately needed. Thank you for considering a monthly donation.

Yours in Chiropractic-

Dr. JoAnna Fasulo

Member Spotlight



Dr. Robert S. Wilder

In reflecting on my life's path I've realized that every significant moment of purpose, fulfillment, and reward has stemmed from my decision to embrace chiropractic not only as my profession but as my way of life.

Some of the most profound experiences begin with the simple phrase, "One day..." As I neared the completion of my undergraduate degree in biology at Stony Brook University, I found myself at a crossroads, uncertain of my career path. Then, "one day" fate introduced me to Dr. Arnie Kaufman. During our conversation at my parent's anniversary celebration, his enthusiasm for chiropractic ignited a spark within me. It was then that I realized chiropractic offered not just a career but a holistic approach to health, blending physical well-being with philosophical and mental harmony. Inspired by this revelation, I enrolled in New York Chiropractic College and embarked on a journey that would shape the course of my life. Little did I know, this decision would not only bring me immense professional satisfaction but also lead me to the love of my life.

One pivotal day, while treating a patient for severe migraines, I encountered her daughter, Donna. Our connection was immediate, leading to a bond that has stood the test of time. This year marks our 37th wedding anniversary, a testament to the transformative power of chance encounters. Donna's unwavering support encouraged me to establish my own solo practice in Smithtown, where together, we dedicated ourselves to providing quality chiropractic care to our community. For over three decades, Donna's compassion and empathy enriched our patients' experiences, until her well-deserved retirement. However, our legacy continues as our daughter, Beth, now carries the torch, ensuring that our practice remains a beacon of excellence.

Being a part of the NYSCA community fills me with immense pride. Over my 40-year membership, I've gained invaluable knowledge and insights that have fortified the success of my practice. NYSCA's commitment to championing the chiropractic profession has been instrumental in safeguarding our rights and advocating for our patients. I am profoundly grateful for the support and camaraderie I've found within this incredible organization.

My greatest aspiration is to inspire others to pursue a career in chiropractic, just as Dr. Kaufman inspired me. I hope that one day, they too will experience the same fulfillment and joy that I have found in serving as a doctor of chiropractic.

UP TO SPEED ON INSURANCE

EMBLEM FAX LINES BEING TURNED OFF ON MAY 1, 2024

There is an easier and faster way to share documentation with us - our provider portals!

Please make sure you and your staff can use the provider portal to submit your requests and supporting documentation.



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO NORTHWELL DIRECT THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS (TPA'S

As we welcome the new year, we also welcome HealthComp as the new Third-Party Administrator (TPA) for Northwell Health members, replacing Brighton Health Plan Solutions.



EMBLEM HEALTH PROVIDER NETWORK CHANGE

For dates of service beginning 1/1/24, the provision of physical therapy, occupational therapy and CHIROPRACTIC CARE for EmblemHealth members will transition from Palladian to EmblemHealth. Preauthorizations and referrals will NO longer be required. Claims for these services should be submitted to EmblemHealth or the managing entity as listed on the member's ID card. Claims contacts are also listed in the Directory chapter of the Provider Manual.

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM PALLADIAN HEALTH UM PORTAL

TAXONOMY CODES AND BILL SUBMISSIONS

Please be aware that taxonomy codes are now needed for submission to Federal Work Comp and Emblem Medicaid. On the 1500 form it would go in box 24j or 33b. All Chiropractors have the same taxonomy # 111N00000X.

UPDATE ON NORTHWELL HEALTH EMPLOYEE PLAN CLAIMS PAYMENT DELAYS

HERE ARE YOUR THREE NORTHWELL DIRECT PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. Register with Zelis Payments to receive ACH Direct Deposits (2% fee)

- 2. If you do not sign up for the ACH Direct Deposits, then they will automatically send you payment through Ecard (credit card payment)
- 3. Providers also have the option to opt out of the Ecard payments and request a check mailed instead. No fees. If you choose this option then call 877-828-8770



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The Workers' Compensation Board (Board) is excited to announce a new, one-stop-shop for health care providers outlining what they need to know about navigating the New York State workers' compensation system.

The new What Providers Need to Know section of the Board's website walks health care providers through



NYSCA E-NEWS - The latest news for your practice today

NPPES DATA ELEMENT CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 3, 2024

On March 4, 2024, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a notice in the Federal Register that clarifies changes to the data elements providers must submit to the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) to obtain and maintain a National Provider Identifier (NPI).

READ MORE

MEDICARE UPDATE FROM THE ACA

According to the 2024 Medicare Physician Payment Schedule (MPFS), chiropractors are experiencing a 5.37 MPFS percent cut this year.

Included in the federal spending package to be signed into law today intended to keep the federal government running through the fiscal year, is a provision that calls for a 1.68% reduction to the 5.37% cut that chiropractors are currently facing. This provision would effectively reduce that cut for the rest of the calendar year to 3.69 percent.



UPDATE ON NYSED PRACTICE ALERT REGARDING THE USE OF DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND BY CHIROPRACTORS

The NYSCA would like to flag a recent practice alert that was issued by the New York State Board of Chiropractic that you should have all received in your email. We know that you get a lot of email, but this was an important practice alert, and we wanted to make sure you received it and understand the context for the alert.



NEW YORK STATE MEDICAL DEBTS ONLY!

New Statute of Limitations for dates of service rendered after 4/3/2021 is subject to a 3-year Statute of Limitations.

Prior to 4/3/2021 debts were subject to a 6-year Statute of Limitations. *This is for medical debt only.

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CHIROPRACTIC LEGISLATION IN THE WORKS



NEW YORK STATE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

NYSCA Lobbying Center

- Scope Modernization Bill A4150 (O'Donnell) | S6047 (Goundares)
- The Title VIII Coalition Partnership Bill A715 (Peoples-Stokes) | S5581 (Scarcella-Spanton)
- Retrospective Audit Look Back Bill A7590 (Lavine) | S7076 (Scarcella-Spanton)

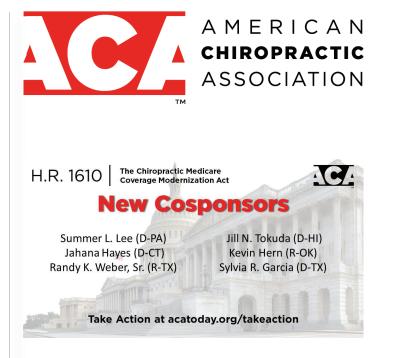
2024 Legislative Update

The 2024 legislative session began on January 3, 2024. As this is the second year of the two year legislative cycle, the bill numbers and sponsors will remain the same. The legislative committee has continued to work on the legislative priorities for NYSCA in the off session and is continuing to push our legislative priorities in this new session.

As always, the scope modernization bill remains our number one legislative priority. The Assembly Bill number is A4150, sponsored by Assemblymember Daniel O'Donnell, and in the Senate, the bill is S6047, sponsored by Senator Andrew Goundares. Our lobbyist, Amy Kellogg, has been hard at work meeting with our sponsors and relevant committee chairs to further their understanding of the necessity of the bill and to discuss roadblocks and opposition to passage. To that end, we have received and responded to concerns raised by other providers who have questions about our scope of practice bill draft. We are in the process of meeting with these groups and other stakeholder groups.

Another legislative priority remains the coalition partnership bill. This bill will allow a wide range of healthcare professionals to form partnerships with each other, and with medical doctors, should they so choose. Our Assembly bill sponsor remains Assemblymember Crystal People-Stokes, and the bill number is A715. In the Senate, the bill number is S5581 sponsored by Assemblymember Jessica Scarcella-Spanton.





Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act

Legislation championed by ACA to increase Medicare coverage of chiropractic services is attracting cosponsors faster than ever in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

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Initial Cosponsor Announcement

ACA Announcement

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House: H.R. 1610

Senate: S. 799

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SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



Anterolateral Approach to the Lumbar Spine: Nuances and Pearls.

By XAVIER P. J. GAUDIN, D.O., Spine Surgery General Neurosurgery



NSPC's Dr. Xavier Gaudin recently spoke at the Nassau Surgical Society's "Neurosurgery Section Annual Clinic Day" educational conference on "Anterolateral Approach to the Lumbar Spine: Nuances and Pearls."

Dr. Gaudin's visual demonstration of the technique employed in the anterior approach to L5-S1 helps articulate the several advantages of this unconventional method.

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RSVP to George Rulli at 631-379-0276 I drgrdc@aol.com

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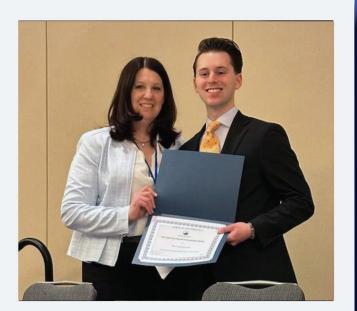




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JOHN PELLEGRINO CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



District 7 presented the John Pellegrino Continuing Education Scholarship Award to Dr. Cal Forster.

The 2024 Recipient of the John Pellegrino Continuing Education Scholarship is Dr. Cal Forster. Cal graduated from Northeast College of Health Sciences in December 2023 with a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) Degree. He also attained a Masters of Applied Clinical Nutrition (MSACN) and Certification in Professional Applied Kinesiology (PAK). He is currently working towards becoming an Institute of Functional Medicine Certified Practitioner (IFMCP). He is a third-generation chiropractor.

I initially met Cal at last year's Mohegan Sun Convention. Cal was representing Student NYSCA, as their Vice President, at our Board of Directors and House meetings and I had the pleasure of sitting next to him. He continued to represent Student NYSCA at the Fall 2023 Convention. Currently, Cal is practicing in Manhattan at Forster Healthcare. He is the current Vice President of District 1 and is working on reviving the district. Cal recently said to me that, "Learning as a doctor is "vital" literally for each patient that comes into our office. The human body is endlessly complicated and beautiful." Cal will be lecturing this summer at the clinic. Look out for his lecture titled, Forster Your Health...On Food.

This award was created to represent the commitment of Dr. John Pellegrino to the New York State Chiropractic Association and his dedication to raising awareness and education throughout New York State. Dr. Cal Forster embodied every aspect of this award. It is my pleasure to present this award to Dr. Cal Forster.

DO YOU HAVE AN X-RAY Machine? If So, read this!

This is more of a FYI to keep everyone on the same page as only people with x-ray units will have this issue. You can see the emails below from the NYS Dept of Health.

Summary: I got a bill for annual radiation registration that was a different amount from prior bills and had handwritten marker on it blacking out certain numbers on the bill. It showed past due balances which I was never invoiced for. In looking back at my records, we had not made a payment for this since 2021. I emailed the Dept of Health to see what was going on. According to the Dept of Health "During Covid we had a 3rd party source evaluate and update our billing dates for facilities renewal periods and it failed miserably. We are still working on the issue. This resulted In previous years bills not being sent out. We are attempting to catch up now. This is why we are waiving any incurred late fees and why you owe more than one annual fee. Your facility annual fee is \$95 per billing year as a chiropractic office."

So providers who still have x-rays in the office will be getting these invoices which do not adequately explain the charges on the invoice that they are from prior years. Providers will be getting invoices for 2022 and 2023 over the next month totaling \$190.00, then will be billed again for \$95.00 for year 2024 in October.





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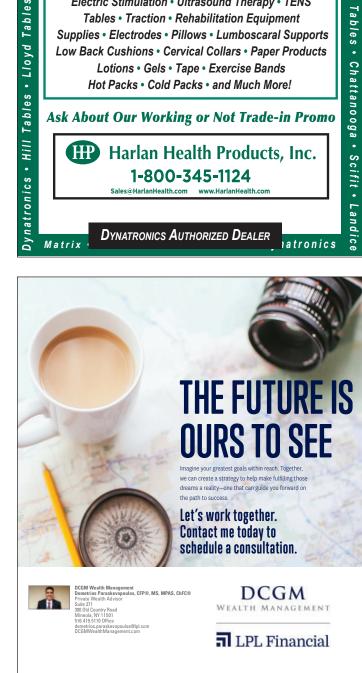


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