

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MCS TO BENEFIT THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION

In 2000, MCS volunteers and staff along with Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont chiropractors worked many hours over months to develop Medicare local medical review policies (Imrp) and p.a.r.t., (p) pain/tenderness; (a) asymmetry/misalignment; (r) range of motion abnormality; (t) tissue/tone changes, revamp/expansion that maintained favorable coverage under Medicare for the Northeast four state region. Thanks to the MCS we preserved workable diagnoses and treatment parameters unavailable in many other parts of the country.

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In 2000, preserved and expanded our scope of practice in Worker's Compensation, and achieved rate increase.

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Chiropractic legal hand book distributed to thousands of judges, Magistrates, and lawyers across the state

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Passage of automobile injury IME bill ensuring review of chiropractic cases be done by chiropractors

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Insurance equality provided by legislation since 1984

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Blue Shield coverage provided by legislation since 1988

## Who is the MCS?

**Doctors Like You.** The MCS is built on, by, and for its members. Volunteer doctors serve as officers, directors, and committee members. Working in conjunction with a professional staff and consultants, they address local, state, and national issues.

**MCS Mission:** To defend, protect, and advance chiropractic in Massachusetts.

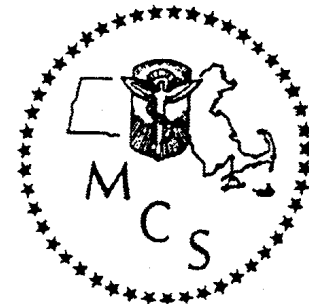
**MCS Purpose:** To enable every citizen of the Commonwealth to have knowledge of chiropractic and full access to care by chiropractors of unquestionable standing, ability, and integrity.

### **MCS IS A MEMBER OF:**

- NorthEast Chiropractic Council – NECC (formerly New England Chiropractic Council)
- Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA)
- Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM)
- Massachusetts Health Council
- Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER)
- Association for the History of Chiropractic

### **PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM MCS**

- Chiropractic Insurance Manual
- Worker's Compensation Guide
- Worker's Compensation Codes and Rates
- Up-to-Date Membership Directory
- Antitrust Pamphlets
- Safety and Effectiveness of Chiropractic Brochure



## What has MCS done for you lately?



## Past and present accomplishments and membership services.

### **What is the MCS?**

The Massachusetts Chiropractic Society is a professional service organization dedicated to the advancement and promotion of chiropractic. It services its membership and the public through professional education, legislation, and insurance and governmental relations.

## **A PARTIAL LIST OF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

### ***ONGOING REPRESENTATION FOR THE ENTIRE PROFESSION***

- \* **Periodic News & Notes publication provides timely information regarding the profession.**
- \* *Fighting for passage of legislation which would allow chiropractic patients freedom of health care choice in HMOs.*
- \* **Referral to one of our volunteer chiropractors, if necessary, with questions you have regarding any aspect of practice.**
- \* *Free list of DCs offering vacation coverage*
- \* **Continuously opposing efforts to bring auto under managed care.**
- \* *Access to the member side of the MassChiro website.*
- \* **Complimentary advertising on the MassChiro website and in the News & Notes.**
- \* *Full-time lobbyist representation on Beacon Hill to protect your profession and practice legislatively.*
- \* **Retains experienced legal counsel (over twenty years with the MCS) for help on legal issues affecting the profession.**
- \* *Three full-time staff professionals, an administrative assistant to oversee the day-to-day running of the society and refer issues to appropriate personnel and elected MCS officials.*
- \* **Maintains consistent chiropractic representation on the following committees:**
  - Work Comp Health Care Services Board ~ Blue Shield professional advisory committees ~ Medicare's carrier advisory committee**
- \* *Advocates for the chiropractic profession and patients with industry, insurance carriers, legislators, and employers.*
- \* **Provides continuing education offering a wide variety of license renewal seminars that meet state licensing requirements offering Eastern and Western locations and all aspects of the philosophy, art and science of chiropractic.**
- \* *Developed low cost training seminars for new chiropractic assistants on basics of running a chiropractic office.*
- \* **Conducts a bi-annual new member program with information on billing for all types of insurance, ethical practice standards, and other timely and helpful information needed by those starting out in practice.**
- \* *Maintains an 800 number for referrals to local chiropractors.*
- \* **Professional display booth for local society use which may be rented by members for health fairs, expos, etc.**
- \* *Education and mediation on ethical issues by the ethics committee to avoid litigation and other complications.*
- \* **As a courtesy to the board of registration and as a member service, disseminates information on the rules and regulations regarding your right to practice.**
- \* *MCS E-Messenger – timely email notices to members*
- \* **ChiroCode Deskbook at a discounted rate.**
- \* *Public Information and Education program to identify, brand, and market chiropractic to the public.*
- \* **Local societies provide information exchange, legislative breakfast, education and social opportunities.**
- \* **All officers, directors, and committee chairs of the MCS are unpaid volunteers in active practice.**