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Dear Dr. Roseen,

As practicing doctors of chiropractic (DC) and advocates for chiropractic care in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, we are thrilled to provide this letter in support of your application to the NCMIC Foundation titled, "Using geospatial analysis and implementation science to optimize access to chiropractic care for low back pain in community health center primary care clinics." Chiropractic care is an important first line treatment that should be accessible prior to surgical or pharmacologic care. However, it has often been out of reach for medically underserved populations. During these times, when health costs are increasing, and opioid addiction is so prevalent, we are pleased to be endorsing a project that is working to expand the provision of chiropractic care.

We anticipate that this project will inspire and empower our colleagues to elevate the health and wellness of their communities. Through connecting DCs to community health centers (CHCs), we will be serving the interest of patients and overall public health. Your study aims to improve the engagement of DCs in the treatment of CHC primary care patients. Aim 1, mapping Massachusetts' chiropractic practices and identifying neighborhood factors that predict the number of clinics, will help identify those chiropractic practices that would be most suited to collaborate with CHCs. Surveying DCs will provide greater insight into the ideas, needs and concerns of DCs in Massachusetts. Aim 2, connecting DCs and primary care providers in dyads and focus groups, will go a long way to moving the collaboration and mechanisms for referral forward. We will also participate in advisory committee meetings that will generate new proposals that leverage the network and infrastructure developed through this work.

Collectively, we are a group of DCs across Massachusetts, with leadership roles for the **Massachusetts Chiropractic Society (MCS)** and the **American Chiropractic Association (ACA)**. We are well positioned to engage other DCs in our region as well as help you to connect with DCs from all 14 Massachusetts counties. Some of us have participated in your K23 pilot project that has developed tools to increase access to chiropractic care in Boston-area CHCs. We are willing and happy to support your team as you expand your work to engage DCs across Massachusetts. We will help you to network with other DCs to complete surveys, participate in focus groups, and actively engage in the advisory committee meetings.

Sincerely,



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