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Dear Delaware Doctor of Chiropractic,

I am writing to you on behalf of the American Chiropractic Association. Enclosed is an excerpt from a recent letter sent to all ACA Delegates. It lays the groundwork for this request.

There is a war on our profession. It is imperative that **all chiropractors, no matter what their professional affiliation,** contribute to this effort. The ACA has been actively fighting for the life of each and every chiropractor. It is time for every one to join this fight on the national level.

We are all very busy and time is tough to give. What is needed right now are contributions to help others fight the battle.

I urge you to make a **monthly commitment** to the National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund to help fight this war. In March, I made a personal commitment of \$200.00 per month.

If you can contribute \$100 or more each month to the fund, the ACA can continue to fight this battle. If a one-time donation works better, put it on your credit card. The point is, make a commitment now.

Complete the enclosed form today and return to the National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund

This is your profession!

Sincerely,

H. Bruce Carrick, D.C.
ACA Delegate, Delaware

Excerpts from a letter to ACA Leaders From J. Michael Flynn, D.C., ACA Governor, District V

"Several months ago, the Board of Governors asked me to serve as fundraising chairman for the National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund. Who among you would like that responsibility? Dr. Krippendorf referred to the position as "Whip". As most of you know, I just completed two years as Chairman of the Board, I am enjoying my practice, and with Dr. Manceaux, am building a 1,800 sq. ft. addition to our clinic. I am also on a seven-member library board in my community building a new 70, 000 sq. ft. 12 million dollar library scheduled to open in December O.K., blah, blah, I'm a busy guy, but so are you. Let's get to the point.

... In November of 1998 HCFA (Shalala) wrote a regulation that, if implemented, would allow Medicare managed care plans to utilize other providers in place of chiropractors to provide the specific chiropractic benefit in Medicare. Legal Action was immediately implemented by the ACA. Thirty months or so later, we saw a decision by the Secretary of HHS that physical therapists could NOT be reimbursed in Medicare for providing the chiropractic benefit. Think where we would be today, a profession, if we had not accepted this challenge and won. It had to be done and we (ACA) have to provide the funding. In the HCFA suit, we are waiting for summary judgment on the issue of other providers being used in place of chiropractors.

... In August 2000, the ACA decided, enough is enough" ' The blatant discrimination by the Blues and especially (Trigon Virginia) to our patients had to be challenged. This case is in the deposition phase-very costly-with the trial scheduled for November. Keep the faith because we have the right cause and the right legal team to get the effect we are looking for. We (you and I) made the decision to file the lawsuits and we (you and I) have an obligation to see that they are funded....

... Today, we have 272 doctors who contribute, by debit on their card, \$21,985.00 each month. Each of our last two legal bills was nine times that amount. We are getting other contributions and in May received a total of \$91,000.00, which was approximately half of our legal bill for that month. Without hundreds more doctors participating on a monthly basis and without your help getting them to contribute, we are going to have a huge deficit, which we will have to consider funding with our ACA restricted reserves. Not good.

... Five college Presidents are sending out alumni letters asking for contributions and we are going after the other Presidents to do likewise. Dynamic Chiropractic will be doing an article on the lawsuits in each issue. The first one began with the July expedition. Dr Fab Mancini with Parker Seminars has pledged to raise a million dollars for us this year

..Bottom line - get involved. We are in the fight of our professional lives."



NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC LEGAL ACTION

To Defend Your Practice, Your Patients, Your Profession

Throughout our profession's history, legal action has been necessary to ensure our patients' freedom of choice and access to healthcare in America. The discrimination did not end when organized medicine was found guilty of an illegal boycott against chiropractic in 1987. Today, the federal government and insurers are denying your patients the quality care they deserve, and denying you fair reimbursement for your care.

The ACA has filed lawsuits against the federal government and Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield to right these wrongs. Your donation is critical to the profession's success in litigating these issues.

Share a vision of access to quality health care for Americans, preservation of chiropractic as a separate and distinct health care profession, and economic fairness for all DCs.

We are in the fight of our professional lives -- donate as much as you can to the NCLAF today.

Fighting for Chiropractic

FIGHTING FOR CHIROPRACTIC DONATION FORM

YES! I will contribute \$100 per month to defend my profession.

Other donation amount: _____ per month / one time (please circle).

Payment Type (check one)

Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Discover ___ American Express

Card #: _____ Expires: _____

Print Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

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Signature: _____

Please complete the information above and fax to: (703) 243-2593, or mail with payment to: National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund, Post Office Box 75359, Baltimore, MD 21275.

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