

## Florida's Preeminent, Trusted Voice for Chiropractic Since 1931

For over 90 years, and over 4,500 members strong, the FCA proudly speaks for over three-quarters of the active licensed DC's practicing in Florida. We take pride in being part of the nation's largest chiropractic association dedicated to helping them provide quality, conservative and cost-effective health care to their patients. Our affiliated non-profit Florida Chiropractic Foundation, takes it to the next level investing in our state by providing scholarships for tomorrow's DC's, while funding research efforts within our state university system. We urge your consideration of our top priorities during your 2024 Legislative Session...

## Provide Accountability and Transparency with a New Physician Lien Law

Currently Florida has no physician lien law for negligence claims. Once an attorney settles a client /patient's case, the doctor must rely on the attorney to pay the physician balances for treatment, often years later, often with a significant discount, and often without discussion or knowledge of the other physician bills. A new lien law will provide accountability and open communication at the end of a personal injury case. The lien law protects the attorney's legal fees. It protects the client/patient's recovery. And it protects the physician bills, allowing a pro rata payment if settlement funds are insufficient. The Physician Lien Law has the support of the FMA and of FJA. *We urge your support of SB 1592 by Sen. Berman and HB 1515 by Rep. Holcomb.*

## Preserve Our No-fault Auto Insurance System

For at least their last nine sessions lawmakers have debated the effort led by trial lawyers to repeal and replace Florida's No-fault law. Only their 2021 effort saw final passage, though later rightfully vetoed by Gov. DeSantis. An OIR-commissioned study at the time forecasted troubling consequences had it actually become a new law: Significant premium hikes for millions of drivers and a rise in uninsured driving - already a problem on our roadways -- leading to a potential \$13-million in uncompensated medical care. PIP benefits are often times the only medical benefits an injured victim has to treat their injuries without paying extreme deductibles and co-pays (if they carry health insurance at all). This year's bills also include an effort to recover attorney's fees for the prevailing party when a party is improperly denied benefits which will return balance and fairness to the process. *We urge you to oppose SB 464 by Sen. Grall and HB 653 by Rep. Alvarez and support SB 1782 by Sen. Martin and HB 1651 by Rep. Snyder.*

## Improve Florida's Chiropractic Workforce, Give Clarity in the Practice of Dry Needling

Foreign-trained undergraduate students face difficulties under an archaic statute as they attempt to attain Florida licensure after having graduated chiropractic college and having passed the National board exam. A minor change will save students time and additional costs while maintaining high standards. Likewise, statutory clarity in scope of practice is needed for DC's already trained and providing patients with dry needling therapy, the same procedures performed by physical therapists and athletic trainers. *We urge your support of SB 1474 by Sen. Trumbull and HB 1063 by Rep. Hunschofsky.*

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representing over 4,500 members who provide care to over eight million Floridians.**

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