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### POSITION STATEMENT: CHIROPRACTIC IS AN ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICE

Marietta, Georgia, March 17, 2020— It is the position of the Georgia Council of Chiropractic (GCC) that chiropractic is an essential health care service. Chiropractors are an essential and necessary part of the health care team for millions of patients of all ages around the world. As primary, portal of entry doctors, chiropractors are licensed and trained to provide all three levels of health promotion and health care prevention interventions including:

- Primary prevention health care that prevents the onset of illness or injury before problems begin.
- Secondary prevention health care that leads to early evaluation and prompt management of disease, illness or injury to prevent more severe problems developing.
- Tertiary prevention health care aimed at recovery following illness.

Chiropractors are trained and licensed in all 50 states to enforce and follow all public health regulations while acting in the best interests of the public and patients they serve.

In addition to these essential aspects of health care, chiropractors are the only health care providers trained and licensed to provide care for the neuromusculoskeletal ramifications from structural spinal shifts that cause obstruction of the nervous system which impact the whole health and vitality of the individual. Chiropractors refer to these structural spinal shifts as vertebral subluxations.

Chiropractors have provided these essential health services for over 100 years and have done so during pandemics, natural disasters and following terrorist attacks such as 9/11 at Ground Zero.

The GCC embraces patient autonomy where health care decisions are made through an open, patient centered and evidence informed process. Health care decisions should be made based on evidence, consistency with the patient's values, and with the help of a health care provider that honors their wishes. This is a truly patient centered, informed consent process that everyone is entitled to in regard to their health.

The GCC will continue to share updates with our members and the chiropractic community over the coming weeks and months as this pandemic situation unfolds.

*The Georgia Council of Chiropractic, founded in 1982, serves the Chiropractic profession in Georgia and is comprised of chiropractors, chiropractic students, and chiropractic assistants from all over the state of Georgia and several other states. The Georgia Council of Chiropractic is 100% committed to protecting, promoting and perpetuating Chiropractic to benefit Georgia's citizens and the Chiropractors serving in Georgia. It is our mission to profess and promote the ideals and principles upon which our profession and our organization were founded. Therefore, the GCC proclaims that detecting and correcting Vertebral Subluxations is a just and noble cause, which allows people to express 100% of their innate potential for health, happiness and overall well-being.*

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