March 31, 2020

The Honorable Steven Fulop  
Mayor of Jersey City  
280 Grove Street, 2nd Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Dear Mayor Fulop:

On behalf of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), allow us to offer our sincere gratitude for your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. The citizens of Jersey City have been informed, uplifted and reassured with your steadfast leadership during these difficult times. For that we are eternally grateful.

The purpose of this letter is to assert the importance of chiropractic services in patient access to care within the healthcare delivery systems during this crisis and to serve as support for reconsideration of the decision to close chiropractic offices.

Chiropractic scopes of practice are statutorily enacted and provide a basis for professional practice. Legislatively enacted scopes recognize Doctors of Chiropractic as essential health care providers, ready to serve their patients and communities both in daily and preventative care, as well as in times of urgent need.

The FCLB membership is comprised of legislatively created boards delegated with the authority to regulate the profession in the interest of public protection. These statutes and rules/regulations provide the basis for the chiropractic profession and populating the board with a combination of professionals and public members provides efficiencies to government regulation.

The New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is a member in good standing with the FCLB.

While chiropractors are not limited to neuro-musculoskeletal conditions, they are the primary line of defense for these conditions. By allowing chiropractic offices to remain open, essential services provided by chiropractors to their existing and acute new patients will play a vital role in caring for their needs while eliminating unnecessary visits to already overwhelmed emergency departments and other healthcare facilities. In addition, it is imperative to note that CISA Homeland Security Order of March 28, 2020 includes chiropractors...
as essential healthcare providers to share in the public health responsibility of slowing the transmission of COVID-19.¹

As our nation continues to respond to the ever-changing environment around COVID-19, the FCLB is encouraging its member boards and their licensees to adhere to the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health departments’ protocols related to the novel coronavirus. Chiropractors are valuable providers of healthcare whose services are rendered within relevant scopes of practice and under the authority of each respective state licensing boards and the practice acts, rules/regulations, and operational policies.

Again, during these difficult and rapidly changing times, we are truly grateful for your leadership. We stand ready to assist you as you address what will be the most significant crisis of our time. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Karlos Boghosian, DC
FCLB President

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¹https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA_Guidance_on_the_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workforce_Version_2.0_Updated.pdf