

Talking Points

- Chiropractors are educated and trained as portal of entry, physician level healthcare providers.
- Under our scope, we have the right and responsibility to examine, diagnose, and create treatment plans.
- If the diagnosis is outside of what we can treat, we have a duty to refer the patient to an appropriate healthcare provider.
- The public is driving the need to include chiropractors in this process.
- Since the population of healthcare providers is not evenly distributed in Michigan, there are areas of healthcare shortages – particularly in rural and urban areas – that make it difficult to access providers who can perform the MHSAA screening.
- This inequity adds costs in terms of time and money for students and their families in these areas.
- Adding chiropractic physicians to the MHSAA list of approved healthcare providers who can perform this vital function will help alleviate this problem.
- Please contact MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl at (517) 332-5046 or muyl@mhsaa.com and let him know that your school is requesting that the MHSAA allow chiropractic physicians to perform MHSAA athletic preparticipation screenings.