

MAC Advocacy Beyond Michigan: The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act

YOUR MAC MEMBERSHIP HAS A NATIONAL VOICE

Advocacy doesn't stop at the state line. While MAC's Board, committees, and staff continue advocating for Michigan chiropractors and their patients here at home, MAC leaders are also helping represent the profession on the national stage. Dr. Dan Spencer, MAC Legal Committee Chair and Chair of the national Chiropractic Summit, and Lisa Love-Smith, MAC Membership and Programs Director and Executive Director of the Chiropractic Summit, are actively involved in national efforts bringing chiropractic organizations together and advancing issues important to the profession — helping ensure Michigan chiropractors have a seat at the table when national decisions are being discussed.

A PROFESSION UNITED: MEDICARE MODERNIZATION

For more than 50 years, Medicare's chiropractic benefit has remained essentially unchanged — Part B covers only manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, while other services commonly provided in chiropractic practice remain outside the benefit.

The profession's major national organizations are now united behind the Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act (H.R. 539 / S. 106), which seeks to modernize Medicare coverage and improve seniors' access to chiropractic care.

MAC has been directly involved in the national discussions helping move this effort forward — through Dr. Spencer's leadership with the Chiropractic Summit and Lisa Love-Smith's work supporting it, ensuring Michigan's perspective is represented as the profession works toward a common goal.

BUILDING A BIGGER NATIONAL VOICE

MAC leadership has also been involved in the broader national collaboration surrounding the MAHA Chiropractic Hub, launched in June 2026 — bringing together national associations, state organizations, practitioners, educators, researchers, and patient advocates to advance federal policy, expand patient access, and increase awareness of chiropractic care. National priorities include:

- Medicare modernization and federal recognition
- Expanding chiropractic integration within military healthcare
- Improving chiropractic access for veterans through the VA
- National education and awareness of conservative, non-drug care

The significance for Michigan: MAC isn't waiting for national policy decisions to reach us. Our leaders are participating in the conversations where those decisions begin.

FROM NATIONAL ADVOCACY TO GRASSROOTS ACTION

- **MAC Leadership:** builds relationships and represents Michigan nationally
- **MAC:** brings information, strategy and opportunities back to Michigan
- **Michigan Chiropractors:** add their voices through grassroots advocacy
- **Patients:** help demonstrate why access to chiropractic care matters

AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2026: H.R. 539 had 173 House co-sponsors, including nine members of Michigan's congressional delegation — while S. 106 had 15 Senate co-sponsors.

YOUR VOICE IS PART OF THIS

MAC's national involvement gets Michigan into the room. Your involvement strengthens the message once we're there. When MAC issues a legislative call to action, contacting your lawmakers matters. Sharing information with your patients matters. Telling MAC what you are experiencing in practice matters. Every email, phone call, and conversation adds another voice behind the work being done by MAC leadership.

THIS IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT WORK

Your MAC membership supports more than education, events, and practice resources — it helps ensure Michigan chiropractors have a voice in Lansing AND Washington, D.C. When decisions are being made that affect your patients and your profession, MAC isn't watching from the sidelines. We're helping shape the conversation.