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**U.S. House of Representatives Approves Expanded Armed Forces Access to  
Chiropractic, Overseas Demonstration Project**

Rochester, N.Y. – Local Chiropractor Dr. Frank Grayson announces that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a directive that orders the Pentagon to make chiropractic care a standard benefit for all active duty military personnel. The legislation is contained in HR 2647, a bill authorizing defense programs in fiscal year 2010, and is based in part on recommendations from the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) and the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC).

The bill—passed by the full House on June 25—also contains language allowing for chiropractic demonstration projects at overseas military locations and clarifies that chiropractic care at U.S. military facilities is to be performed only by a doctor of chiropractic.

“When signed into law, this legislation will pave the way for expanded access within the military health care system to the critical services offered by doctors of chiropractic—both stateside and overseas,” said Rochester based Chiropractor Dr. Frank Grayson. “ACA leaders are dedicated to this effort and will settle for nothing less than full access to chiropractic.”

In 2008, the House passed similar language in the form of HR 5658; however, that provision was not included in the Senate version of the bill.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton, D-Mo.; Ranking Member Buck McKeon, R-Calif.; Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii; and Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala. Actively supported the language through the legislative process.

To date, there is a doctor of chiropractic at 49 military bases around the country; however, according to a 2005 Government Accountability Office report, only 54 percent of servicemen and women eligible for chiropractic care can reasonably access the benefit.

The Senate is expected to take up the legislation in the near future.

Also reported was that beginning this fall, 11 additional military hospitals and clinics will provide access to chiropractic services for active duty military members.

Included in the list of sites tentatively scheduled to open on Sept. 30, are military treatment facilities located in Germany and Okinawa, Japan — marking the first time in the history of the Chiropractic Care Program that overseas active duty military members will have access to chiropractic.

The 11 new locations join the 49 military clinics and hospitals currently providing chiropractic care.

Chiropractors who are interested in applying for positions at any of the 11 sites should monitor the federal government's employment Web site, [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

Grayson Chiropractic Associates (GCA) is a provider of general and subspecialty chiropractic care that serves the greater Rochester metropolitan area. The practice consists of two chiropractors - Dr. Frank L. Grayson and Dr. Daniel F. Grayson - and two licensed massage therapists. Grayson Chiropractic Associates specializes in the following: general neck and arm pain; lower back pain associated with sciatic nerve disorders, sports injuries, automobile accidents; back pain due to poor ergonomic environments; as well as treatment and exercise programs related to poor posture. The practice is located on Rue de Ville in Rochester , N.Y.

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