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**American Chiropractic Association Testifies on Availability  
of Chiropractic Care for All Veterans**

**Rochester, N.Y** - The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) has been at the forefront of educating the public and Congress on the benefits of chiropractic care for veterans.

To that end, local Chiropractor Dr. Frank Grayson joins the ACA in fully supporting S. 1204, the Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act.

“Military service men and women need to rely on access to treatment for painful and disabling joint and back disorders and be provided the highest level of care possible,” ACA President Dr. McMichael said in recent testimony before the United States Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing on S. 1204, legislation introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash).

**According to recent U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, nearly 52 percent of the service men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are seeking care due to musculoskeletal ailments including back and joint pain, which is commonly caused by injuries from combat, heavy gear, motor vehicle accidents, and blast injuries.** Dr. Grayson notes that doctors of chiropractic offer expert conservative care but more is needed.

“Without a congressional directive, further expansion to Veterans Administration facilities will happen only on a case-by-case basis and more than likely will be excruciatingly slow,” said **Rochester-based Chiropractor Dr. Frank Grayson.**

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recently retained Gephardt Government Affairs, headed by former U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, to reinforce its efforts to ensure that any national health care reform legislation passed by Congress includes the services of doctors of chiropractic on par with other physician services in respect to access, reimbursement and scope of practice.

ACA recently hired Gephardt Government Affairs to enhance its current lobbying efforts and to underscore the necessity of including chiropractic care without limitations and on an equal level to other health care providers. Gephardt, one of Washington's most respected and well-known political figures, has been a strong proponent of the chiropractic profession. His company is one of Washington's top public affairs groups.

Chiropractic care has been available within the Veterans Administration system for many years, but Congress took action when it became apparent that the VA had failed to take any reasonable steps to provide veterans with chiropractic care and pushed for chiropractic care to be integrated into 36 major treatment facilities.

“Despite this progress, there is still an overwhelming majority of veterans denied access to chiropractic care at approximately 120 major Veterans Administration facilities,” states Dr. Grayson.

“Clearly, the need for expanded access to doctors of chiropractic and their high-touch care has never been more crucial, he continued. **“Veterans want, need and deserve access to chiropractic care, and our goal should be to ensure that chiropractic is available and accessible at every major Veterans Administration health care facility. We encourage our local leaders in Congress to pass the Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act.”**

**The American Chiropractic Association (ACA)**, based in Arlington, Va., is the largest chiropractic organization in the country. ACA provides lobbying, public relations, professional and educational opportunities for doctors of chiropractic, funds research regarding chiropractic and health issues, and offers leadership for the advancement of the profession. ACA promotes the highest standards of ethics and patient care, contributing to the health and well-being of millions of chiropractic patients.

**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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