

SUMMER 2018

# Straight Talk *CFoP*

## **2018 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUE**

Dear CFoP Member,

This letter is to update you on important matters for 2018, an Administrative Year and a Year of Changes. The Fellowship is interested in protecting your license to practice and providing quality programs in continuing education. Please act on these subjects as they affect your individual practice.

### **This is a Continuing Education Renewal Year**

In addition to CE credits in chiropractic subjects, the legislature requires two credit hours in Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting. Details of the requirement are on the State Board of Chiropractic website. We recommend the online course through the University of Pittsburgh. It is approved by the State Board, available at [www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu](http://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu). Your previous sign-in and password are still valid for 2018. The course is now a timed course and will take a full three hours to complete. Upon completion they will automatically forward the credits to the State Board of Chiropractic. As always, you will need your chiropractic license number and the last four digits of your Social Security number for proper processing.

### **Fellowship Continuing Education Seminars**

The Fellowship will be sponsoring nine CE seminars in 2018. Each will be a one day, eight hour program and include lunch. Due to changes in CE approval requirements we are no longer able to give twelve hours in one day. An additional restriction involves attendance at the seminars. In order to receive credit for each hour, an attendee is not allowed to leave the room during the 50 minutes of class each hour. We cannot give full credit per hour for any late arrivals or if you leave the room during active class time. Dates, speakers and locations are in this issue and are also available on our website. Local mailings with detail on the speaker and subjects will go out four weeks before each seminar.

Our CE seminars are sponsored by Sherman College of Chiropractic. They will email a certificate of attendance to each attendee. Please download, print, and file your certificate of attendance in a safe place. You need not submit the certification to the Board unless you are audited. The audits occur at random and are within two years of your license renewal.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Below is the Schedule for our 2018 Summer CE Series (by location)

**24 CE credits are required to renew your license. Each session is 8 hours, from 9:00 to 5:00 with a working lunch (included in fee). Credits have been approved for Pennsylvania as well as NJ, NY, DE, MD, FL and OH.**

**Fee per seminar: CFoP Member (must be current) – \$195  
Non-Member – \$295**

Saturday, June 23, 2018	Aaron Tressler, DC	Philadelphia	Understanding, Communicating and Correcting Subluxation	Wyndham Philadelphia – Bucks County
Saturday, July 28, 2018	Nick Spano, DC	Philadelphia	Advanced Muscle Palpation	Wyndham Philadelphia – Bucks County
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Rob Brown, DC	Philadelphia	Restoring Low Back Form and Function	Wyndham Philadelphia – Bucks County
Saturday, June 23, 2018	Rob Brown, DC	Harrisburg	Restoring Low Back Form and Function	Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey
Saturday, July 21, 2018	Aaron Tressler, DC	Harrisburg	Understanding, Communicating and Correcting Subluxation	Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey
Saturday, August 18, 2018	Nick Spano, DC	Harrisburg	Advanced Muscle Palpation	Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey
Saturday, June 16, 2018	Nick Spano, DC	Pittsburgh	Advanced Muscle Palpation	Holiday Inn Monroeville
Saturday, July 14, 2018	Rob Brown, DC	Pittsburgh	Restoring Low Back Form and Function	Holiday Inn Monroeville
Saturday, August 11, 2018	Aaron Tressler, DC	Pittsburgh	Understanding, Communicating and Correcting Subluxation	Comfort Inn Conference Center Pittsburgh East

## **Highmark Published Guidelines for Participating Providers**

Highmark Blue Shield has updated their coverage guidelines on manipulation. If you are a participating provider with Highmark you need to familiarize yourself with their guidelines. Please go online to the Provider Resource Center at Highmark and review the December 2017 Medical Policy Update. It is under Newsletters/Notices, click on Medical Policy Update Newsletter. Page 11 of the December issue has the article on Coverage Guidelines for Manipulation Services. The update has gone into effect and applies to those professionals who participate in their networks and submit claims.

### **Additional License Regulation- Act 6 of 2018**

The PA legislature adopted a statute for mandatory reporting by licensees, part of the PALS system. This mandates that all licensees must self report any disciplinary action taken by another licensing agent of another jurisdiction. So any action taken against you by a board of another state must be reported to PA. In addition all licensees must report any felony or misdemeanor offense. The full notice and how to report is available for download on the State Board website-

<http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Chiropractic/Pages/default.aspx>

Under "Board Resources" click on "Announcements" to see important updates from the board. Act 6 of 2018 is available on a link and can downloaded be on a .pdf for your files.

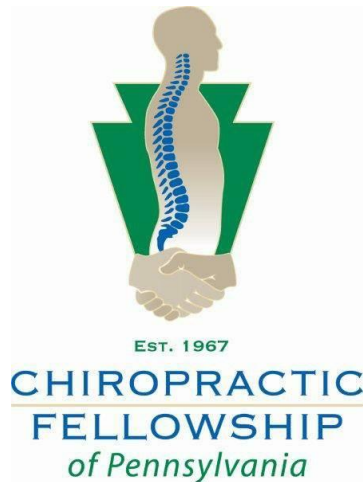
### **Updates to the ICD-10 Coding System**

Updates to the coding system are being promulgated now as the fiscal year closes. They will be implemented in three months, usually the first week of October. The updates will appear on the Medicare Local Coverage Determination (posted on Novitas-Solutions.com, under "Chiropractic Treatment") as well as on the full ICD-10 listings on the Medicare website of CMS.gov. The Fellowship will post the changes on our website and future newsletters if the 2018 changes affect chiropractic.

We appreciate your membership in the Fellowship and we strive to continue to protect the rights and privileges of chiropractors to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our lobbyists continue to monitor the legislature and report to our membership with the monthly Legislative Report. Your dues and contributions are needed to maintain and protect the gains of our profession. Your activity and participation regarding new memberships, board member activities and patronizing our CE programs continues to be essential to our success. Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you and the chiropractic profession.

Be well,  
David B Smith, DC  
President, CFoP

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