

Legislative Advocacy in 2021



With access to the capitol and office buildings very limited during the during the 2021 session of the Minnesota Legislature, our annual MCA Day at the Capitol event will not take place this year and group meetings will not be possible. However, the government affairs team of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association is providing you with briefing sessions, via Zoom, and the following resources that will help you communicate virtually with legislators.

Legislative Priorities

In addition to monitoring other health policy legislation affecting the chiropractic profession and patients, our primary focus during this session is support for the following:

- [HF 477](#) reintroduced in 2021 by [Rep. Erin Koegel](#) which modifies and expands coverage for chiropractic services in the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare public insurance programs.
- [HF 319](#) first introduced by [Rep. Jordan Rasmusson](#) that includes the use of telemedicine services by chiropractic doctors and reorganizes the animal chiropractic sections in our practice act.

The MCA will provide talking points for doctors to use when contacting their House and Senate members asking for their support. Also watch your email for action alerts if other legislation of interest or concern to the profession is introduced during the session.

Contacting Your Legislators

Getting involved in legislative advocacy is especially important when it comes to issues regarding health care since, as a chiropractic doctor, you can inform and influence lawmakers as they consider policy decisions affecting the public – and potentially your practice. Legislative advocacy is also relatively easy since lawmakers generally need only enough information in order to take action – **and they pay attention to their constituents!**

Due to the limited ability to schedule personal meetings with lawmakers at the capitol during this legislative session, we encourage you to:

1. Ask for a Virtual Meeting

Call the office of your House and Senate members to schedule a brief phone call or Zoom meeting. You can get their contact information at:

<https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/list>

<https://www.senate.mn/members/index.html>

When you call, you will mostly likely reach the member's legislative assistant who may also ask if you are a constituent – so make sure you vote in their district.

2. Introduce Yourself by Email

Unless you personally know or have previously met with your representatives, you can also send an email to introduce yourself. Be brief but tell them about your practice, the community you serve and how your care makes a difference in the lives of your patients. Also invite them to contact you if they have any questions or if they would like more information about the profession.

3. Sign-up to Receive Information

Another way to keep in touch is to subscribe to receive email updates and announcements about upcoming town hall meetings they have scheduled.

4. Use Social Media

Follow them on Facebook – and send them messages concerning issues you care about and affect your patients!

5. Use the Phone!

Finally, you can also call their office, speak to their legislative assistant and ask for support from your representative

