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General Comment

Limiting access to chiropractors is a bad idea. Citizens deserve the right to choose their own health care practitioners and modalities. If consumers have to be forced, funneled, or denied fair access to their care of choice, then there really is no free market in medical care. All citizens deserve to make their own best choice, without regard to which special interest might lose out. Being a health care practitioner does not guarantee that the public wants what you have to offer. If nobody wants chiropractic care, chiropractors will go away. If people want chiropractic care but don't have access because another medical interest succeeds in limiting coverage for that care, it's the consumer who suffers-in the interest of an economic business concern.

Attachments**IRS-2010-0010-0191.1:** Comment on FR Doc # 2010-14488

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Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
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Re: Interim Final Rule for Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Coverage Relating to Status as a Grandfathered Health Plan Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

As a consumer and chiropractic patient I wish to take this opportunity to formally comment on the interim final rule regarding health plans and “grandfather” status (Document ID IRS-2010-0010-0001).

I believe the consumer protections included as part of the new health care law are vitally important and should be extended to as many people as possible. Accordingly, every effort should be made to increase the number of individuals covered by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) via the above regulations. The triggers or conditions that would extend these protections to consumers under currently existing “grandfathered” plans should not be weakened or reduced in any way. I specifically support the position and detailed comments offered by the American Chiropractic Association with respect to the implementation of these regulations.

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Sincerely,

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