



TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

RE: The T.M.A. Lawsuit – the chiropractic profession’s darkest hour or shining moment?

Dear Doctor:

No doubt you are aware of the Texas Medical Association’s lawsuit against the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, which challenges your right to diagnose. But are you fully aware of the consequences if the T.M.A. prevails? If the Texas Medical Association is successful, all doctors of chiropractic in Texas effectively could be out of business almost overnight. We could be required to have a M.D.’s order to make our own diagnosis. Simply stated, this would mean:

- We can’t treat any patient unless a medical doctor provides us with a diagnosis.
- We won’t be able to bill an insurance company unless we get that first diagnosis.
- We won’t be able to treat a cash, PI, W/C, Medicare or Managed Care patient . . . **any patient** without the ability to make a diagnosis.

If you heard that this case is only about Needle EMG’s or Manipulation Under Anesthesia, please look closer. It’s really about the T.M.A.’s blatant attempt to have total control of healthcare in Texas.

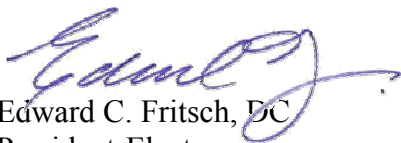
If you heard that the court already decided in the T.B.C.E.’s favor, please look closer. The trial court’s letter ruling last November left the door open for the T.M.A. to challenge the T.B.C.E.’s scope of practice rules on state constitutional grounds. The Texas chiropractic profession now has a bulls eye on its head.

Your support is needed. The Texas Chiropractic Association is supporting the T.B.C.E.’s fight against the T.M.A. on two fronts: in court and in the state legislature. The T.C.A.’s legal team and political action committee (PAC) are top-notch, but obviously they don’t work for free. Please take the following actions:

- Visit the [T.C.A. website](http://www.chirotexas.org) at www.chirotexas.org and make sure you understand fully the scope and seriousness of this fight. The trial date for this **battle to begin is August 16, 2010.**
- Commit to the fight through your *actions* and *words*. **Actions:** make a donation to the T.C.A. Litigation Fund and Political Action Committee Fund through the [T.C.A. website](http://www.chirotexas.org) or by calling us at **512-477-9292**. **Words:** attend the legislative receptions in your district and ask your state representative to support the T.C.A. and T.B.C.E in their efforts to defeat the T.M.A.

Please don’t sit on the sidelines and let the T.M.A. take control of your practice. Do your part by making a donation to the Litigation Fund and the P.A.C. Fund and by attending the legislative receptions in your area.

Sincerely,



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