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## State of Michigan Executive Order: Clarification

The MAC office has been getting calls from member doctors regarding the State of Michigan's Executive Order and the email we sent out to inform the profession. Here is what you need to know:

- At this time, chiropractors have not been ordered to close their offices or make any changes to the way they practice, other than carefully following the precautionary measures promoted by the CDC.
- The MAC is advocating for chiropractors as essential, first-contact, physician-level providers who possess the training, broad diagnostic skills, and other competencies to help lessen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- By seeing patients for needed care, chiropractic physicians relieve access and cost stresses on our medical system, whose focus needs to be this current crisis.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and inform you of any changes.

### **A Vital Request**

**Please talk to the MAC BEFORE you contact any state or federal regulators or policymakers.** We have been utilizing all our resources, including our expert outside consultants in the governmental relations and legal arenas, in consultation with the State of Michigan, state regulators, and legislative health policy experts. A unified message from the profession is more important than ever before, so please contact us **before** making contact with any of these entities.