

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CHIROPRACTIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHARTER

A. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION: Chiropractic Advisory Committee

B. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY: The Chiropractic Advisory Committee will provide direct assistance and advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the development and implementation of the chiropractic health program.

Matters on which the Committee shall assist and advise the Secretary shall include:

- Protocols governing referrals to chiropractors;
- Protocols governing direct access to chiropractic care;
- Protocols governing scope of practice of chiropractic practitioners;
- Definitions of services to be provided; and
- Such other matters as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

C. PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT ITS PURPOSE: In accordance with P.L. 107-135, the Chiropractic Advisory Committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2004.

D. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Chiropractic Advisory Committee reports to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

E. OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE. The Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, is responsible for providing support to the Chiropractic Advisory Committee.

F. DUTIES FOR WHICH THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE: The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the development and implementation of the chiropractic health program.

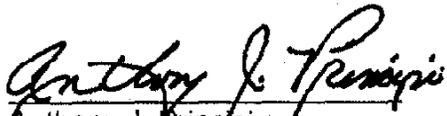
G. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS IN DOLLARS AND FTE: The estimated annual cost for operating the Chiropractic Advisory Committee is \$103,000 and 0.5 FTE. Members will receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation for any travel made in connection with their duties as members of the Committee. Travel arrangements should always be made through the Committee's Designated Federal Officer (Committee Manager).

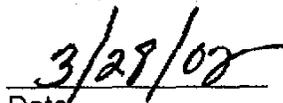
H. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Chiropractic Advisory Committee shall meet up to three times annually, but not less than twice annually, at the call of the Chairperson. In addition, individual members, task forces, and subcommittees may be called upon periodically for particular advisory services or consultation.

I. COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE: The Committee will terminate December 31, 2004.

J. DATE CHARTER FILED:

APPROVED:


Anthony J. Principi
Secretary of Veterans Affairs


Date