

**Public Law 107-135,  
Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001**

**SEC. 204. PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE AND SERVICES TO VETERANS.**

- (a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAM.**—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a program to provide chiropractic care and services to veterans through Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and clinics.
- (b) **ELIGIBLE VETERANS.**—Veterans eligible to receive chiropractic care and services under the program are veterans who are enrolled in the system of patient enrollment under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.
- (c) **LOCATION OF PROGRAM.**—The program shall be carried out at sites designated by the Secretary for purposes of the program. The Secretary shall designate at least one site for such program in each geographic service area of the Veterans Health Administration. The sites so designated shall be medical centers and clinics located in urban areas and in rural areas.
- (d) **CARE AND SERVICES AVAILABLE.**—The chiropractic care and services available under the program shall include a variety of chiropractic care and services for neuro-musculoskeletal conditions, including subluxation complex.
- (e) **OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.**—
- (1) The Secretary shall carry out the program through personal service contracts and by appointment of licensed chiropractors in Department medical centers and clinics.
  - (2) As part of the program, the Secretary shall provide training and materials relating to chiropractic care and services to Department health care providers assigned to primary care teams for the purpose of familiarizing such providers with the benefits of chiropractic care and services.
- (f) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.
- (g) **CHIROPRACTIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—
- (1) The Secretary shall establish an advisory committee to provide direct assistance and advice to the Secretary in the development and implementation of the chiropractic health program.
  - (2) The membership of the advisory committee shall include members of the chiropractic care profession and such other members as the Secretary considers appropriate.
  - (3) Matters on which the advisory committee shall assist and advise the Secretary shall include the following:
    - (A) Protocols governing referral to chiropractors.
    - (B) Protocols governing direct access to chiropractic care.
    - (C) Protocols governing scope of practice of chiropractic practitioners.
    - (D) Definition of services to be provided.
    - (E) Such other matters the Secretary determines to be appropriate.
  - (4) The advisory committee shall cease to exist on December 31, 2004.