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## SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE ALERT BULLETIN

***Ensure that our nation's veterans have unimpeded access to chiropractic***

**Background:** With the U.S. House of Representatives poised to soon pass legislation directing the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to expand the number of sites where chiropractic is available, **it is imperative that the U.S. Senate also act to pass companion legislation.** S.1204, the *Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act* introduced by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), mirrors House legislation in calling for the DVA to phase in chiropractic to **all** major DVA medical facilities over the next several years. Why is this important? Recent DVA data (*Analysis of VA Health Care Utilization Among Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Veterans, February 2010*) cite "diseases of Musculoskeletal System/Connective System," as the **number one ailment** of Iraq/Afghanistan veterans accessing DVA treatment.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:** Contact your Senators via ACA's [ChiroVoice Legislative Action Center](#) or the ICA's [Adjust the Vote](#) network and **urge your them to cosponsor S. 1204.** The more cosponsors we get on S. 1204, the better the likelihood of its success.

**Is your Senator currently a cosponsor?** Below are current (May 20, 2010) cosponsors of S. 1204. These Senators do not need to be contacted.

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| Sen. Begich, Mark (D-AK)     | Sen. Brown, Sherrod (D-OH)      |
| Sen. Brownback, Sam (R-KS)   | Sen. Burris, Roland (D-IL)      |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)  | Sen. Isakson, Johnny (R-GA)     |
| Sen. Lincoln, Blanche (D-AR) | Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon (D-RI) |

**ACT NOW!** A couple mouse clicks of your time is all that is needed to ensure that our brave men and women who have served have the access to the services of a Doctor of Chiropractic; services they need and deserve. **Thank you!**