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American Chiropractic Association Partners with Spine IQ™ for Pivotal Initiative

Arlington, Va. – The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) announced today that it is partnering with The Spine Institute for Quality (Spine IQ™) to encourage doctors of chiropractic (DCs) to participate in the Spine IQ Conservative Spine Care Registry. Spine IQ, an independent not-for-profit organization, pursues a mission to define quality, demonstrate value and build trust through the use of clinical data registries for spine-related disorders.

“Spine IQ’s registry initiative is a visionary undertaking. The goal is to gather useful data to significantly benefit participating DCs and the consumer public. ACA believes that the registry will move spinal care forward. We are excited to partner with Spine IQ,” said ACA President David Herd, DC.

ACA will assist in publicizing the mission and work of Spine IQ and encourages DCs to participate.

The Spine IQ Conservative Spine Care Registry has been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval as a qualified clinical data registry (QDCR) for the CMS Quality Payment Program (QPP) Merit-based Incentive Payment System for 2017. The registry includes 27 performance measures, 24 existing QPP (previously PQRS) measures and three custom measures that are particularly relevant to chiropractic practice: change in pain intensity, change in pain interference and repeat X-ray imaging.

The Spine IQ computer-based QCDR provides the opportunity to gain insight into the natural history of spine-related disorders such as low back pain and neck pain, determine clinical effectiveness, enhance performance and demonstrate the quality of chiropractic care delivery.

“Our goal is to provide an easy-to-use tool that allows doctors of chiropractic to demonstrate best practices in conservative spine care management to patients, other health care providers and payers,” said Spine IQ CEO Christine Goertz, DC, PhD.

Spine IQ is headquartered in Davenport, Iowa. For more information about Spine IQ's initiatives and how to register and participate, visit www.SpineIQ.org.

About the American Chiropractic Association The [American Chiropractic Association](http://www.AmericanChiropracticAssociation.org) (ACA) is the largest professional association in the United States representing doctors of chiropractic. ACA promotes the highest standards of ethics and patient care, contributing to the health and well-being of millions of chiropractic patients. Find an ACA chiropractor near you at www.acatoday.org/Find-a-Doctor.

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