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URAC Announces Special Patient Centered Health Care Home Pilot Project in Partnership with Foundation for Chiropractic Progress

WASHINGTON, DC; CARMICHAEL, CA– October 9, 2012 -- [URAC](#), a leading health care accreditation organization, has announced a special pilot project in conjunction with the [Foundation for Chiropractic Progress](#) (F4CP), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the value of chiropractic care, to determine how chiropractic care models can best achieve the principles of the patient centered health care home.

URAC defines a patient centered health care home (PCHCH) as a quality driven, interdisciplinary clinician-led team approach to delivering and coordinating care that puts patients, family members, and personal caregivers at the center of all decisions concerning the patient's health and wellness. A PCHCH provides comprehensive and individualized access to physical health, behavioral health, and supportive community and social services, ensuring patients receive the right care in the right setting at the right time.

Select URAC PCHCH program standards consistent with State-specific chiropractic scope of practice will be evaluated to determine how chiropractic care models can best achieve the principles of patient centered health care.

“As a widely used evidence-based, valued health care discipline, chiropractic should be included within the emerging patient centered health care home model,” shares Gerard Clum, D.C., spokesperson, F4CP. “This pilot project will provide an opportunity for the chiropractic profession to articulate its role and validate its significance in advancing major model principles -- such as improved costs, clinical efficiency and overall patient outcomes.”

Chiropractic health care focuses on disorders of the musculoskeletal system and the nervous system, and the effects of these disorders on general health. It is used most often to address neuro-musculoskeletal complaints, including but not limited to back pain, neck pain, and pain in the joints of the arms or legs, and headaches.

“Chiropractors have broad diagnostic skills and are also trained to recommend therapeutic and rehabilitative exercises, as well as to provide nutritional, dietary and lifestyle counseling,” says Alan P.

Spielman, URAC President and CEO. “The ultimate goal of URAC’s PCHCH program is to coordinate all aspects of a patient’s care, so it is important to evaluate how chiropractic health care can best support that goal.”

About URAC

URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, promotes health care quality through its accreditation, education and measurement programs. URAC offers a wide range of quality benchmarking programs and services that keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system and provides a symbol of excellence for organizations to validate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC ensures that all stakeholders are represented in establishing meaningful quality measures for the entire health care industry. For more information, call (202) 326-3943, or visit <http://www.uran.org> and our Twitter and LinkedIn sites.

About Foundation for Chiropractic Progress

A not-for-profit organization, the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress aims to inform and educate the general public about the many benefits associated with chiropractic care. To learn more about the Foundation, please visit us on the web at www.f4cp.com or call 866-901-F4CP (3427).