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VICTORY! - Montana HB929 Remains Tabled as Legislative Session Ends

April 30, 2025 (**Falls Church, VA**) The ICA is pleased to announce that the 90-day Montana legislative session has come to an end and the attempt to expand the chiropractic scope of practice to include prescriptive authority has been shut down for 2025-2026. It's a big victory we can celebrate with an eye to other states and the future to keep those who seek to medicalize chiropractic from gaining a foothold. Chiropractic care falls in the realm of healthcare, not medical care.

ICA CEO, Dr Edwin Cordero stated: "I want to be clear—what's happening in Montana is exactly why Dr. B.J. Palmer founded the ICA and charged us with guarding the Sacred Trust. This fight was a warning shot—and we all know it won't be the last."

Background: Chiropractic legislator Greg Oblander first introduced HB 500 and then HB 929 when the Montana Legislative session opened in January for its 90-day session. The process of introducing and seeing it signed into the law by the Governor has many steps; and as we learned in Montana a bill that has been voted down in committee can be resurrected and a bill that is tabled in committee can be 'blasted' to the floor.

The ICA was 'boots on the ground' in Montana with Board Member, Dr. Hugo Michael Gibson and Assembly Representative Dr. Donald Gibson both attending and testifying at the State Board meeting, the House hearing, and the Senate. Additional ICA doctors in Montana also testified. They were backed up with the ICA home office, most specifically our CEO and Executive Director. ICA's CEO, Dr. Edwin Cordero provided testimony via zoom and the ICA submitted extensive written testimony to both the House and Senate. We did significant outreach first in the House and then in the Senate. While the legislature does not meet again until 2027, ICA will continue our engagement in Montana.

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