

If Not Now...When?

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The ACA recently filed a lawsuit against the American Chiropractic Network (ACN). Let me repeat that: Because of the abuses suffered by doctors of chiropractic and their patients, *the ACA filed a lawsuit against ACN!*

In its class-action suit, the ACA alleges that ACN participated with other managed care companies in a conspiracy to illegally and systematically underpay providers by denying reimbursement for medically necessary treatment.

Meanwhile, on the state level, ACA has engaged state attorneys general and other regulatory authorities to join the effort to halt network abuses by encouraging them to launch their own investigations and providing them with important information provided to ACA by doctors of chiropractic nationwide.

So let there be no doubt; someone is fighting for *you* and for *this profession*.

If this news doesn't compel you to join ACA and to support the National Chiropractic Legal Action Fund, when will you take the steps necessary to support your profession? What will it take? Make no mistake; ACA would not be able to make such a bold move without the support of its members and the loyal NCLAF monthly contributors.

So I ask you, again, if not now...*when?*

Through its legal actions—as well as its many years of successful legislative advocacy, insurance relations work and communications initiatives—ACA has earned your support. The NCLAF believes in what ACA is fighting for and we need you to join us. Join the ACA today (see application on page TK or go to www.acatoday.org and join online). And then...become a monthly NCLAF contributor. (see form at TK).

Join the fight. *Now!*

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