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General Comment

I’m pleased that the new health care reform law enacted by Congress (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) requires health insurance plans to adhere to a broad new set of consumer protections. However, some health insurance plans will be allowed to “escape” having to provide these new consumer-friendly protections because they will be granted what is called “grandfathered” status under recently released regulations.

I support the position taken by the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) which encourages the adoption of regulations that would restrict the use of this “loophole” and extend the important consumer protections to as many patients as possible.