



# ChiroFutures

## Malpractice Program

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Dear Ms. Natt,

We are a malpractice insurance program representing chiropractors in the State of New Jersey who are insured with us and we write in response to **false, inaccurate and inflammatory statements** you made while representing Atlantic Health Systems in a Fox News article titled: *“Ohio baby ‘smiling again’ after chiropractic adjustments”* by Angelica Stable.

Please be advised that in the State of New Jersey it is **unlawful** for any person to practice chiropractic unless that person shall have first obtained a license to practice chiropractic as provided in New Jersey Statutes. Further, it is **unlawful** for any person, not duly licensed as a chiropractor in New Jersey to imply that he or she is qualified to practice chiropractic, or render a management decision that limits, restricts or curtails a course of chiropractic care. In the State of New Jersey chiropractors are considered **portal of entry providers** and **do not need a referral** or permission from any other provider in order to see children - or anyone else for that matter.

In regard to your false and inflammatory claim that: . . . **children are more susceptible to injury from chiropractic and that pediatricians can determine better less risky therapies** - ChiroFutures Malpractice Program is not aware of any actuarial data showing an increase in adverse events from the **tens of millions** of pediatric chiropractic visits per year. In fact, malpractice insurance rates for chiropractors in New Jersey range from a few hundred to just a couple thousand dollars per year. Contrast that with the tens of thousands of dollars per year that pediatricians pay and any parent can see for themselves **which profession is safer**, According to Johns Hopkins there are an estimated **250,000 deaths per year in the United States due to medical error**. This would make medical errors and your profession the **third highest cause of death in the country**.

Perhaps your fearmongering is better directed towards your own profession as opposed to one with a recognized safety record as good as chiropractic. Either way, we encourage you and your providers at Atlantic health Systems to stay in your lane when it comes to your specialties and not attempt to practice or advise on a profession for which **you are neither trained nor licensed**.

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