



**December 28, 2007**

## **REGENCE PROVIDERS**

In October the WSCA notified you that Regence BlueShield was implementing the bill passed by the WSCA in the 2007 legislative session. The bill requires insurers to include additional chiropractors to a clinic where one is already in the network/panel. Individual letters were sent out by Regence BlueShield to every contracted Regence BlueShield network chiropractor and at each location the doctor stated they were practicing in. Regence sent notices to you so they could begin shifting the individual agreements to Chiropractic Clinic Agreements for those chiropractors who are employers (have EIN numbers) and who may want to add their associate(s) to their clinic agreement after the 1/1/08 implementation date.

If you are a sole practitioner without an EIN and only bill under your social security, number and do not intend to add chiropractors to your clinic, you do not need to do anything.

If you intend to have your associate(s) chiropractors added to your chiropractic clinic agreement you **MUST** have your Chiropractic Clinic Agreement signed and returned to Regence BlueShield NO LATER THAN 12/31/07. Your individual Regence BlueShield contract will expire on 12/31/07.

**DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The chiropractic clinic agreement is the contractual mechanism to add chiropractors practicing in your clinic so they can treat patients seen in your clinic, who have Regence benefits.

### **The next step...**

After your agreement is signed and returned to Regence (before the deadline) you will need to go to the Regence BlueShield website and download Washington Practitioner Application PDF file for beginning the credentialing your associates. Complete one credentialing application for each chiropractor who is to be added, and send it to Regence referencing the Chiropractic Clinic Agreement for your clinic (TIN). The application can be obtained at the link below:  
<http://www.wa.regence.com/provider/credentialing/docs/200706PractitionerCredentialingCriteria.pdf>

## **Central and Eastern Washington Chiropractors:**

Regence BlueShield does not contract with providers in the Central and Eastern Washington Counties with the exception of Klickitat, Yakima, Walla Walla and Columbia counties. Chiropractic Clinic Agreements are not being offered to providers who are contracted with Asuris because that network is not closed. If you are contracted with Asuris, you do not need to take action at this time.