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COAG Announces Review of Spinal Manipulation on Children

Responding to the COAG Health Council's communique, the Australian Chiropractor's Association said:

The Australian Chiropractors Association is disappointed that the care we are able to provide children may be restricted and will work with the independent review to highlight that while there is very little evidence of harm, there is significant evidence of the value parents place on the informed care provided. Greater regulation in this area will not improve the healthcare provided to children; it will only remove a valuable care option.

We believe the law should be applied to all health providers in a uniform and equitable way, and while we strongly support decisions that lead to the minimisation of harm, we do not wish to see a restriction of choice for the 300,000 Australians of all ages that Chiropractors treat every week.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be engaging with State and Territory Health Ministers, and the Commonwealth, to ensure the voice of the profession is both heard and is taken into account as this issue progresses. Nowhere in the world have restrictions like these been considered and for good reason.

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