

NCH ACTION ALERT

Dear Representative _____,

I am your constituent and a consumer of integrative health care services. I am pleased that Congress and the Administration worked together to enact the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136). However, the bill did NOT address many of the unmet needs of the integrative health care community.

On April 2, the Integrative Health Policy Consortium (www.ihpc.org) sent Speaker Pelosi a letter (IHPC Stimulus #4 letter) outlining five proposed recommendations that would help health care professionals recover from the devastating economic fallout caused by the current pandemic and improve their ability to deliver effective, immediate care to patients like me.

I urge you to contact Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and House Minority Leader, Kevin McCarthy, and ask that the following provisions be included in the next coronavirus relief package:

1. Provide direct economic relief to all state-licensed and/or nationally certified Integrative Health Care providers, their small businesses, students and institutions by using the inclusive term “state-licensed and/or nationally certified” when referring to “Health Care Professionals” in all sections of stimulus or recovery acts.
2. Expand HRSA’s National Health Service Corps to include integrative health professionals who are state licensed and/or nationally certified providers.
3. Expand Medicare coverage through CMS for all integrative health providers who are state-licensed and/or nationally certified.
4. Expand telehealth coverage for services by all integrative health providers who are state-licensed and/or nationally certified.
5. Provide \$20 million in support of immune/respiratory research through the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) at the National Institutes of Health and \$20 million for similar research at the Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

Thank you for considering my request and for your leadership during this challenging time in our nation’s history.

Sincerely,

Name Contact information (email and phone)