May 12, 1967

Dear:

Thank you for your letter requesting inclusion of chiropractic under medicare.

In the development of medicare, efforts were made to parallel private insurance, which does not normally include chiropractic. The Senate, however, did pass a proposal in 1965 to provide for chiropractors' services. It was deleted in conference on insistence by the House of Representatives.

The House Ways and Means Committee has concluded hearings on the Social Security Amendments of 1967 and is considering the bill in executive session. The measure embodies medicare provisions but does not cover the services of chiropractors.

While I do not know in what form the bill will come before the Senate Finance Committee, I assure you that I will give it close study at that time and will keep your views in mind.

I appreciate your writing to me on this matter.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
December 15, 1967

Dear :

I can understand your feelings that chiropractors should be included under the medicare program and as you probably realize, the Senate did provide for this type of medical care. However, when the Social Security measure went to conference the House conferees refused to permit even a limited participation that the Senate had provided and the Senate amendment was stricken from the bill.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
September 22, 1967

Dear:

Thank you for your comments requesting the inclusion of chiropractic under medicare.

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The social security bill which has passed the House embodies medicare provisions but does not cover the services of chiropractors. This is now before the Senate Finance Committee of which I am a member and you can be sure it is having my best attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen