

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

SB577 & Health Freedom for all Californians

Millions of California citizens visit alternative health care providers each year. In fact, recent studies show that the use of alternative health care services is steadily growing.

However, up until January 1, 2003, when SB577 went into effect, California's unlicensed health care practitioners were working in violation of the state's Medical Practice Act. This Act prohibited any form of treatment for any kind of mental or physical condition by anyone other than a licensed health care practitioner.

Thanks to the hard work and sponsorship of the California Health Freedom Coalition (CHFC), SB577 passed without a single "no" vote in the California state legislature. Unlicensed forms of alternative health care are now legal in California, subject to the terms of SB577.

**To find out more about SB577
and its requirements, visit the
CHFC web site:
www.californiahealthfreedom.org**

WHAT IS THE CHFC?

The CHFC is an umbrella group that represents the interests of California's unlicensed health-care provider community

The best place to find out more about us is through our web site:

www.californiahealthfreedom.org

OUR VISION:

**Consumer health freedom and
a thriving community of
unlicensed alternative
practitioners.**

Even though SB577 has passed, the work of the CHFC is not done. Our newly won right to practice freely will always need be protected and defended.

Every day new legislation is proposed that has the potential to diminish the freedom of unlicensed practitioners to train, practice, and advertise – which, in turn, will also diminish consumer health freedom.

The CHFC is here to protect the professional, legal, and economic rights of this community, and in particular, the freedoms won by SB577.

Responsibility for defending this freedom also falls upon each individual practitioner, as well as upon practitioner communities.

All unlicensed practitioners should educate themselves and come into compliance with SB577.

The CHFC also believes health freedom will flourish in California if each practitioner community develops standards of training, practice, and professionalism that protect and meet the needs of its clients.

**We invite and welcome all
unlicensed healers and their
clients to join our efforts to
protect the interests of the
unlicensed health-care
community.**

**Please support the work of the
CHFC.**

"The Constitution of this Republic should make special provision for Medical Freedom as well as Religious Freedom... To restrict the art of healing to one class of men and deny equal privileges to others will constitute a bastille [prison] of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic."

*- Benjamin Rush, M.D.,
Signer of the Declaration of Independence*

FUNDING

Contribute regularly to the CHFC. Without your financial support, we cannot do this work. We already have outstanding debt (in excess of \$40,000) from our previous legislative campaign. Our ongoing efforts cannot proceed without your contribution.

YES! I support the CHFC. Please fill out this form and send it with your check made out to CHFC to the address below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

City: _____

Zip-code: _____-_____

Phone: _____

You can also make a PayPal contribution on our web site at:

www.californiahealthfreedom.org

Mail your contribution to:

California Health Freedom Coalition
P.O. Box 186
Palo Alto, California 94302

Email:
chfc@californiahealthfreedom.org

TAKE ACTION!

What else can you do to help the CHFC and the cause of health freedom?

- a) **July 21—25: Nat'l Conference of State Legislatures.**

The CHFC is raising funds to sponsor a booth at this event to boost awareness of SB577 in other states. Health freedom groups in several other states are already using SB577 as a model. We need to make our presence felt at this important event.

- b) **Autumn 2003.** The CHFC is planning a one-day educational forum about SB577 – to educate practitioners and to build our community.

- c) **Visit the CHFC web site.** Become a supporter if you have not already done so and receive our email updates. Download the SB577 compliance materials.

- d) **Spread the word.** Tell your colleagues, students and clients about SB577, the CHFC, and the importance of our work.

We need your support to make true health freedom a reality in California. If unlicensed practitioners and their organizations come together, we can, collectively, become a powerful mainstream voice – instead of a community on the margins of the health care system.

California Health Freedom Coalition

Sponsors of California's landmark Health Freedom Bill: SB577

"Working to protect freedom of access to alternative health care in California."

OUR GOALS:

Encourage the development of California's many unlicensed healing professions into highly effective, self-regulating professional communities.

Protect the freedoms won by SB577 through ongoing legislative advocacy.

Ensure that California is a safe and prosperous place for unlicensed healers.

Work with us to develop a positive, high-profile identity for YOUR community of healers!