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Short Title: Establish Chiropractor Co-Pay Parity. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Burr.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REENACT A LAW CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN CO-PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY CHIROPRACTORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-50-30(a3) reads as rewritten:

"(a3) Whenever any health benefit plan, subscriber contract, or policy of insurance issued by a health maintenance organization, hospital or medical service corporation, or insurer governed by Articles 1 through 67 of this Chapter provides coverage for medically necessary treatment, the insurer shall not impose any limitation on treatment or levels of coverage if performed by a duly licensed chiropractor acting within the scope of the chiropractor's practice as defined in G.S. 90-151 unless a comparable limitation is imposed on the medically necessary treatment if performed or authorized by any other duly licensed physician. An insurer shall not impose upon an insured as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage a co-payment amount for services performed by a duly licensed chiropractor that is higher than the co-payment amount imposed upon the insured for services performed by a duly licensed primary care physician for a comparable, medically necessary treatment or condition."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2016, and applies to health benefit contracts entered into on or after that date.



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