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

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REENACT A LAW CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
3 CO-PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY CHIROPRACTORS, AS
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION STUDY
5 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PRACTICE SUSTAINABILITY AND
6 TRAINING/ADDITIONAL TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH CARE.
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-50-30(a3) reads as rewritten:
9 "(a3) Whenever any health benefit plan, subscriber contract, or policy of insurance issued
10 by a health maintenance organization, hospital or medical service corporation, or insurer
11 governed by Articles 1 through 67 of this Chapter provides coverage for medically necessary
12 treatment, the insurer shall not impose any limitation on treatment or levels of coverage if
13 performed by a duly licensed chiropractor acting within the scope of the chiropractor's practice
14 as defined in G.S. 90-151 unless a comparable limitation is imposed on the medically necessary
15 treatment if performed or authorized by any other duly licensed physician. An insurer shall not
16 impose upon an insured as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage a co-payment amount
17 for services performed by a duly licensed chiropractor that is higher than the copayment
18 amount imposed upon the insured for services performed by a duly licensed primary care
19 physician for a comparable, medically necessary treatment or condition."
20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2015, and applies to insurance
21 policies issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

