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SENATE DRS35105-MM-70 (03/13)

Short Title: 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 CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2016, and applies to health
18 benefit contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.



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