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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 131, L.D. 308, Bill, "AN ACT to Include Services Performed by Chiropractors under Health Insurance Policies and Health Care Contracts which Pay Benefits for those Procedures if Performed by a Physician."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2303-B is enacted to read:

§2303-B. Optional coverage for chiropractic services

Every nonprofit hospital or medical service organization which issues group health care contracts providing coverage for the services of a "physician" or "doctor" to residents of this State shall make available to groups with 50 or more members, coverage for services performed by a chiropractor to the extent the services are within the lawful scope of practice of a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State, provided the chiropractor performing the services has contracted with the organization under terms and conditions which the organization deems satisfactory to its membership.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2746 is enacted to read:

§2746. Optional coverage for chiropractic services

Every insurer which issues or issues for delivery in this

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State group health policies, which provide coverage on an expense-incurred basis for the services of a "physician" or "doctor," shall make available to groups with 50 or more members such coverage for the comparable services of a chiropractor to the extent these services are within the lawful scope of practice of a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1980.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that insurance companies and nonprofit hospital or medical service organizations make available to groups with 50 or more members coverage for services provided by chiropractors.

Reported by the Committee on Business Legislation.

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