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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Preventing Discrimination in Reimbursement or Payment under Insurance Policies.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 24-A, § 429, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new section 429 to read as follows:

§ 429. Discrimination

Insurance providers shall not discriminate against a policyholder by denying reimbursement or payment for services rendered by any chiropractor, licensed under Title 32, when such services or procedures are performed to treat conditions which are covered under the terms of any stock or mutual insurance company, medical service corporation or association, nonprofit medical service plan, or any other plans or arrangements which provide accident and health benefits as governed by this Title, Title 24 and Title 39, section 52.

This section shall apply to any present or future accident and health insurance policies or certificates which are issued by a stock or mutual insurance company, medical service corporation or association, nonprofit medical service plan, or any other plans or arrangements which have been amended, ratified or issued for delivery in the State of Maine.

Services or procedures covered by the terms of this section may be performed where such practitioner is authorized to practice, doctor's office or clinic, at the choice of the insured, and with the concurrence of the chiropractor who is performing such services or procedure.

The penalty for any violation of any of this section shall be revocation of the certificate of authority of the company, person or association so offending and no authority shall be issued to such company, person or association within 3 months from the date of such revocation.