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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 329, L.D. 959, Bill, "AN ACT to Include Services Performed by Chiropractors under all Health Insurance Policies and Health Care Contracts Which Pay Benefits for Those Procedures if Performed by a Physician."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Require that Services Performed by Chiropractors be Offered as Optional Coverage under all Group Health Insurance Policies and Group Health Care Contracts.'

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

'Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2303-B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 335, §1, is amended 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 10 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 §2840, as reallocated by PL 1979, c. 663, §145, is amended to read:

§2840. Optional coverage for chiropractic services

Every insurer which issues or issues for delivery in this 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 10 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.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that health-insured groups of 10 or more be offered the option to purchase coverage for chiropractic services.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Business Legislation.

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