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Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot

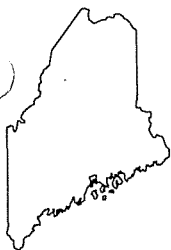
Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator WEBSTER of Franklin and Representative GARLAND of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Provide Coverage for Chiropractic Services under Health Maintenance Organization Plans.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2303-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 516, §2, is amended to read:

6 1. **Services.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, every nonprofit hospital or, medical service organization which or health maintenance organization that issues group and individual health care contracts providing coverage for the services of a "physician" or "doctor" to residents of this State shall provide coverage to any subscriber or other person covered under those contracts for those services when performed by a chiropractor, to the extent that the services are within the lawful scope of practice of a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State.

16 Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2840-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 516, §5, is amended to read:

20 1. **Therapeutic, adjustive and manipulative services.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, every insurer which that issues group or blanket health care contracts providing coverage on an expense-incurred or other basis for the services of a "physician" or "doctor" to residents of this State shall provide coverage to any subscriber or other person covered under those contracts for those services when performed by a chiropractor, to the extent that the services are within the lawful scope of practice of a chiropractor licensed to practice in this State. Therapeutic, adjustive and manipulative services ~~shall~~ must be covered whether performed by an allopathic, osteopathic or chiropractic doctor.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

36 Chiropractic services through health maintenance organizations are currently available only after approval by the medical doctor gatekeeper. In such instances where the gatekeeper has authorized chiropractic care, the number of authorized visits is usually limited to 3.

42 This bill enables health maintenance organization subscribers to choose chiropractic services without the need for referral by a medical doctor. It is recommended that the chiropractic gatekeeper protocol be utilized.