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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 179, L.D. 234, Bill, "An Act to Extend Access to Chiropractic Care under Health Maintenance Organization Managed Care Plans"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of the last blocked paragraph (page 2, lines 17 and 18 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'This subsection takes effect January 1, 1996 and ~~is repealed~~ March 1, 1998.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**Sec. 2. Report required.** The Bureau of Insurance shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters of the 119th Legislature by January 1, 1999 on the claims experience of health maintenance organizations related to self-referrals of chiropractic care under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4236. The report must include the total amount of claims paid for chiropractic services by health maintenance organizations, the total amount of claims paid for self-referred chiropractic services, the total number of self-referrals for chiropractic care, the average cost of those claims and the number of complaints received by the Bureau of Insurance regarding access to chiropractic care in health maintenance organization managed care plans.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Bureau of Insurance, within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report pertaining to chiropractic care coverage provided by health maintenance organizations. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment removes the repeal date of the statutory provision governing access to chiropractic care under health maintenance organization managed care plans. The amendment also requires the Bureau of Insurance to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters by January 1, 1999 on the claims experience of health maintenance organizations related to self-referrals of chiropractic care. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.