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SENATE BILL 319

Short Title:	Chiropractor Co-Pay Parity.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Ford, Sanderson, Smith-Ingram, and Waddell.	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate.	

March 18, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REENACT A LAW CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN CO-PAYMENTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 58-50-30(a3) reads as rewritten:

"(a3) Whenever any health benefit plan, subscriber contract, or policy of insurance issued by a health maintenance organization, hospital or medical service corporation, or insurer governed by Articles 1 through 67 of this Chapter provides coverage for medically necessary treatment, the insurer shall not impose any limitation on treatment or levels of coverage if performed by a duly licensed chiropractor acting within the scope of the chiropractor's practice as defined in G.S. 90-151 unless a comparable limitation is imposed on the medically necessary treatment if performed or authorized by any other duly licensed physician. <u>An insurer shall not impose as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage a co-payment amount charged to the insured for chiropractic services that is higher than the co-payment amount charged to the insured for the services of a duly licensed primary care physician for a comparable medically necessary treatment or condition.</u>"

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2016, and applies to health benefit contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.