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HOUSE BILL 329

Short Title: Chiropractic Care Copayment Parity. (Public)

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March 18, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REESTABLISH COPAYMENT EQUITY FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-50-30(a3) is recodified as G.S. 58-50-27(b).

5 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 58-50-27, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 58-50-27. Chiropractic services.**

7 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

8 (1) Health benefit plan. – As defined in G.S. 58-3-167.

9 (2) Insurer. – As defined in G.S. 58-3-167.

10 (3) Licensed chiropractor. – An individual holding a license under Article 8 of
11 Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

12 (b) ~~Whenever any health benefit plan, subscriber contract, or policy of insurance issued~~
13 ~~by a health maintenance organization, hospital or medical service corporation, or insurer~~
14 ~~governed by Articles 1 through 67 of this Chapter provides coverage for medically necessary~~
15 ~~treatment, the~~ An insurer shall not ~~impose~~ offer a health benefit plan that imposes any limitation
16 on treatment or levels of coverage if performed by a ~~duly~~ licensed chiropractor acting within the
17 scope of the chiropractor's practice as ~~defined in G.S. 90-151~~ unless a comparable limitation is
18 also imposed on the medically necessary treatment if performed or authorized by any other duly
19 licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

20 (c) An insurer shall not offer a health benefit plan that imposes, as a limitation on
21 treatment or level of coverage, a copayment amount charged to the insured for chiropractic
22 services that is higher than the copayment amount for the services of a licensed primary care
23 physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner for a comparable medically necessary
24 treatment or condition."

25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to insurance
26 contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

