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HOUSE BILL 496

Short Title: Insurance Co-Pays for Chiropractic Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives T. Moore and McLawhorn (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Insurance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REENACT A LAW CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
3 CO-PAYMENTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to policies
18 issued or renewed on or after that date. For the purposes of this act, renewal of a health benefit
19 plan is presumed to occur on each anniversary of the date on which coverage was first effective
20 on the person or persons covered by the health benefit plan.

