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In Senate, January 17, 2019

An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CYRWAY of Kennebec, President JACKSON of
Aroostook, MOORE of Washington, POULIOT of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York,
Representative: CAMPBELL of Orrington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-AAA, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 421, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Reimbursement.** The department shall reimburse under the MaineCare program
5 for all chiropractic ~~evaluation and management examinations~~ services performed by a
6 chiropractic doctor licensed under Title 32, chapter 9 that are within the scope of practice
7 of chiropractic doctors. This subsection does not ~~limit reimbursements under the~~
8 ~~MaineCare program that may be available for other chiropractic services or~~ affect any
9 limits that may apply to reimbursements such as limits relating to numbers of visits.

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174-AAA**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 454, §1, is reallocated
11 to 22 MRSA §3174-BBB.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires all chiropractic services that are within the scope of practice of
14 chiropractic doctors and performed by a licensed chiropractic doctor to be reimbursed
15 under the MaineCare program. Under current law, the Department of Health and Human
16 Services is required to reimburse for only chiropractic evaluation and management
17 examinations.

18 The bill also corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2017, chapters 421
19 and 454, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section
20 number.