



To: Maine Legislature Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Date: March 11, 2025

Re: LD 649 An Act To Certify Chiropractic Assistants Who perform X-Rays as Radiologic Technicians, Sponsored by Representative Wadsworth

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and distinguished members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. My name is Robert Reed, I am the Executive Director of the Maine Chiropractic Association (MCA) testifying on behalf of my employer. The MCA represents over two hundred Chiropractic Doctors, their staff and most importantly, the patients they serve. We present today offering our support for this bill.

LD 649 will allow a Certified Chiropractic Assistant to hold an additional certification allowing that individual to produce x-rays in a Chiropractic office. Our leadership has reviewed the training requirements presented in the bill and have great respect for the American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ACRRT), which is a subchapter of the American Board of Chiropractic Radiology. The MCA believes their training program provides acceptable training for the limited number of x-ray services performed in a Chiropractic setting and is already established and allowed in several other states.

In addition, because the added certification requires they be a Certified Chiropractic Assistant with requirements previously approved by the Legislature and administered by the Maine Chiropractic Board of Licensing, these individuals will already possess 36 hours of training including anatomy, physiology, and chiropractic methodologies. That primary certification allows Chiropractic staff to provide or assist with services that are then reimbursed by insurance carriers.

This model provides the training we believe is necessary by utilizing a nationally recognized board program and has verifiable testing of skills and as such we ask for your consideration in approving this bill.

We thank the Committee for its time and energy and stand ready to provide answers to any questions you may have of the Association.