



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

Date: April 22, 2025

Re: LD 1501 An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License

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 often work with many of the schools offering Doctoral programs for Chiropractic. We present today offering our testimony in support of this bill.

This bill requests a simple correction to the original 2019 bill, extending the time frame for the precepting license in Maine from 6 months to 9 months. This would allow a chiropractic student to precept in two consecutive semesters which generally last 15 – 18 weeks each. There are currently two schools which offer a second semester of precepting, and other schools are considering similar changes, allowing that student more experience in a firsthand setting and fostering better experiences after graduation.

We currently have five students precepting here in Maine and fourteen others have participated in the program since its inception. Of those fourteen, nine have chosen to stay in Maine and practice after graduating, and only five of those nine had roots or relationships here in Maine prior to precepting. These are doctors who go into private practices, buy homes, and become active in their communities.

To date we are unaware of any complaints regarding care provided by the precepting students, a great complement to their education and the doctors they precept with here in Maine.

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