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Testimony of Rep. Colleen Madigan Introducing LD 1553, "An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment"  
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Good morning Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and fellow members of the Health and Human Services Committee. I am Representative Colleen Madigan, and I represent part of Oakland and part of Waterville. I am here today to introduce LD 1553, "An Act To Amend the Law Governing MaineCare Coverage of Chiropractic Treatment."

Chiropractors in Maine are not currently able to be reimbursed for their full scope of care under the MaineCare program. They are limited to adjustment codes, x-rays, and exams.

Doctors of Chiropractic cannot treat extremities or do physiotherapy modalities and be reimbursed for under MaineCare. That means that many times patients need to be referred out to other providers who can receive payment to treat the same conditions a Doctor of Chiropractic is legally licensed to treat. This seems unfair to both the patient and the Chiropractic profession.

I hope that this committee will once again pass this legislation.

Thank you very much.