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## **Chiropractic Medicaid Reimbursement Bill Introduced**

(Columbus) Today, the OSCA would like to announce the introduction of a bill years in the making. This bill would require the Department of Medicaid (ODM) and Ohio's managed care organizations (MCO's) to reimburse all services for Doctors of Chiropractic (DC) who are performing within their full scope of practice. This is a great step towards parity for Doctors of Chiropractic, who have been, up until this point, reimbursed only for the treatment of a diagnosed subluxation and diagnostic imaging. Ohio State's 2018 Legislator of the Year, Representative Scott Lipps (R-Franklin), is the bill's sponsor.

Other measures in this bill include:

- Directs ODM and the MCO's to reimburse a DC the same rate at which it reimburses another licensed health care professional providing the same service.
- Directs ODM and the MCO's to cover no less than twenty visits and cover services for each condition or event for which the Medicaid recipient seeks services.
- Allows a DC to provide services within a hospital or nursing facility.
- Directs ODM and the MCO's to not make chiropractic coverage contingent upon the patient first receiving a referral, prescription, or treatment from a prescriber.
- Allows any DC to enter into a provider agreement with ODM or an MCO to provide chiropractic services.

"This bill is a huge step towards parity for Ohio's chiropractors in today's healthcare landscape," said OSCA Executive Director, Nicholas Strata. "For too long, they have been providing safe and quality healthcare for Ohio's most vulnerable citizens while not receiving fair reimbursement. It's our hope that all legislators see that the benefits of this bill extend from just providing fair and cost-effective payments for services. This bill will increase access to chiropractic care across Ohio, which is widely recognized as one of the safest treatments for a variety of conditions."

This bill will be one of the primary focuses for the organization when chiropractors from across the state organize on March 12<sup>th</sup> for Ohio Chiropractic Advocacy Day.

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