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West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford,
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Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury,
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Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield,
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2 of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland
3 of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston,
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5 Rutland Town, Moran of Wardsboro, Nuovo of Middlebury,
6 O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell
7 of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of
8 Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburg, Poirier of
9 Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram
10 of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield,
11 South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of
12 Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of Randolph,
13 Trombley of Grand Isle, Webb of Shelburne, Wheeler of Derby,
14 Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Zenie of
15 Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

16 Referred to Committee on

17 Date:

18 Subject: Health; budget; Medicaid; chiropractic

19 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to restore funding for chiropractic
20 services in Medicaid in fiscal year 2009.

1 An act relating to restoration of chiropractic services in Medicaid in fiscal
2 year 2009

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

5 The general assembly finds that:

6 (1) Chiropractic coverage in Medicaid is a cost-effective method of
7 treating certain health conditions, including back and neck pain. As indicated
8 in the memorandum from the office of Vermont health access dated January
9 20, 2009, "When the state mandate [to cover chiropractic services] is removed
10 (as of February 1), Medicaid participants will receive these services through
11 other covered health care providers."

12 (2) Chiropractic services are less expensive than similar services
13 provided by health care providers other than chiropractors.

14 (3) The budget rescission to eliminate chiropractic services in Medicaid
15 will not achieve budget savings and could increase Medicaid costs.

16 Sec. 2. MEDICAID CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

17 (a) In fiscal year 2009, the amount of \$98,131.00 is appropriated from the
18 general fund, and \$143,274.00 is appropriated from federal funds to the agency
19 of human services for the Global Commitment for Health Medicaid
20 Section 1115 waiver.

21 (b) In fiscal year 2009, the amount of \$241,405.00 is appropriated from the
22 Global Commitment fund to the office of Vermont health access. The intent of

- 1 these funds to restore chiropractic services in the Medicaid program that were
- 2 eliminated in the rescission actions of the joint fiscal committee on
- 3 December 19, 2008.