

1 S.202

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons, Sirotkin and Ashe

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; health insurance; chiropractic services

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the co-  
7 payment amount for chiropractic services in silver- and bronze-level qualified  
8 and reflective health benefit plans to not more than 125 percent of the amount  
9 of the co-payment applicable to care and services provided by a primary care  
10 provider under the same plan.

11 An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services  
12 in certain health insurance plans

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

14 Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4088a is amended to read:

15 § 4088a. CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

16 (a)(1) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for clinically  
17 necessary health care services provided by a chiropractic physician licensed in  
18 this State for treatment within the scope of practice described in 26 V.S.A.  
19 chapter 10, but limiting adjunctive therapies to physiotherapy modalities and  
20 rehabilitative exercises. A health insurance plan does not have to provide

1 coverage for the treatment of any visceral condition arising from problems or  
2 dysfunctions of the abdominal or thoracic organs.

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4 (4) For silver- and bronze-level qualified health benefit plans and any  
5 reflective health benefit plans offered at the silver or bronze level pursuant to  
6 33 V.S.A. chapter 18, subchapter 1, health care services provided by a  
7 chiropractic physician may be subject to a co-payment requirement, provided  
8 that any required co-payment amount shall ~~be between 125 and 150~~ not exceed  
9 125 percent of the amount of the co-payment applicable to care and services  
10 provided by a primary care provider under the plan.

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12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply to qualified and  
14 reflective silver- and bronze-level plans beginning with the 2021 plan year.