

17:48A-33

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 17:48A-33 (Chiropractic services--require medical service corp. (Blue Shield) coverage)

LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 158

Bill No. S1321

Sponsor(s) Musto and Dumont

Date Introduced June 12, 1980

Committee: Assembly State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs  
Senate Institutions, Health & Welfare

Amended during passage **Yes** No

Date of Passage: Assembly Sept. 29, 1980

Senate June 26, 1980

Date of approval Dec. 1, 1980

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement **Yes** **No** (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly **Yes** **No**

Senate **Yes** **No**

Fiscal Note **Yes** No

Veto Message **Yes** No

Message on signing **Yes** No

Following were printed:

Reports **Yes** No

Hearings **Yes** No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill supplements the Medical Service Corporation Act to require that chiropractors be included as eligible providers by a Medical Service Corporation, so that a participant covered under such plan shall have the right to select the services of a chiropractor from the eligible providers of covered services when the participant deems such chiropractic services appropriate.

Public hearing on similar legislation proposed in prior legislative session:

974.90 New Jersey. Legislature. Senate. Labor, Industry and  
I59 Professions Committee.  
1975b Public hearing on A.21, 22 and 23 (Insurance reimbursement  
for chiropractic services), held 3-5-75. Trenton, 1975.

SENATE, No. 1321

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 1980

By Senators MUSTO and DUMONT

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT to supplement "An act concerning medical service corporations and regulating the establishment, maintenance and operation of medical service corporations, and supplementing Title 17 of the Revised Statutes by adding thereto a new chapter entitled 'Medical Service Corporations,' " approved May 29, 1940 (P. L. 1940, c. 74; C. 17:48A-1 et seq.), as said title was amended by P. L. 1977, c. 95.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of P. L. 1940, c. 74  
2 (C. 17:48A-1 et seq.), benefits shall not be denied to any eligible  
3 individual for eligible services when such services are performed  
4 or rendered such persons by a licensed chiropractor within the  
5 scope of his practice. The practice of chiropractic shall be deemed  
6 to be within the provisions of P. L. 1940, c. 74 and duly licensed  
7 chiropractors shall have the privileges and benefits in the scope  
8 of their practice under the act as are afforded to licensed physicians  
9 and surgeons in the scope of their practice.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill supplements the Medical Service Corporation Act to require that chiropractors be included as eligible providers by a Medical Service Corporation, so that a participant covered under such plan shall have the right to select the services of a chiropractor from the eligible providers of covered services when the participant deems such chiropractic services appropriate.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND  
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1321**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 1980

This bill supplements the Medical Service Corporation Act to provide that chiropractors be included as eligible providers by a Medical Service Corporation for major medical insurance coverage. This bill will enable an individual who is under such a plan to have the right to select the services of a chiropractor from the eligible providers of covered services when the individual deems such chiropractic services appropriate.

The State Board of Medical Examiners supports this legislation.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
SENATE, No. 1321

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 1980

This bill supplements the Medical Service Corporation Act to provide that chiropractors be included as eligible providers by a Medical Service Corporation for major medical insurance coverage. This bill will enable an individual who is under such a plan to have the right to select the services of a chiropractor from the eligible providers of covered services when the individual deems such chiropractic services appropriate.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

DECEMBER 2, 1980

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed the following bills.

S-1321, sponsored by Senator William V. Musto (D-Hudson) which supplements the Medical Service Corporation Act to provide that Blue Cross and Blue Shield and other non-commercial carriers cannot deny benefits to an eligible individual for eligible services because those services are provided by a chiropractor.

S-1370, sponsored by Senator Joseph P. Merlino (D-Mercer), which amends the section of the Casino Reform Package prohibiting any person licensed by or registered with the Casino Control Commission from offering or providing employment to those public officials prohibited from accepting same by the casino ethics law.

The bill changes the offense of offering employment from a civil offense with a penalty of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to a crime of the fourth degree which has a maximum penalty of \$7,500 and 18 months incarceration.

It also amends the definition of "person" to correspond with the definition under S-1369, with the Governor's recommendations.

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