

State Corporation Commission 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB195

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Black

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Insurance; health maintenance organizations; chiropractors.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that it is unreasonably discriminatory for a HMO contract to not provide for reimbursement for chiropractors on terms consistent with other participating providers if the chiropractor is authorized to provide the services in Virginia and the services are covered services.

6. No Fiscal Impact on state agencies

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None on state agencies

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: Health maintenance organizations (HMOs) are not currently required to contract with chiropractors to provide the full range of services that chiropractors are licensed to provide. For example, an HMO may contract only with physical therapists to provide physical therapy, even though a chiropractor's license authorizes him/her to provide that service. HB 195 adds a new subsection F to §38.2-3412, pursuant to which a contract between an HMO and a chiropractor will be deemed unreasonably discriminatory if it does not provide for reimbursement, on terms consistent with those applicable to other participating providers, of all services which the chiropractor is authorized by law to provide in Virginia if the services in question are covered services under the contract.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources