

## No. 1980-151

## AN ACT

SB 443

Amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for chiropractic services.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The definitions of "health service doctor" and "professional health services" in subsection (a) and subsection (b) of section 6302, and subsections (b) and (f) of section 6322 of Title 40, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, are amended and a definition is added to section 6302 to read:

§ 6302. Definitions.

(a) General rule.—The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

**"Chiropractic services."** *The general and usual services rendered and care administered by doctors of chiropractic, as defined in the act of August 10, 1951 (P.L.1182, No.264), known as the "Chiropractic Registration Act of 1951."*

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**"Health service doctor."** A doctor of dental surgery, doctor of medicine, doctor of optometry, doctor of osteopathy, [or] doctor of podiatry *or doctor of chiropractic.*

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**"Professional health services."** Dental services, medical services, optometric services, osteopathic services, podiatry services, *chiropractic services* or any one or more of them.

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(b) Rule of construction.—The definitions specified in subsection (a) of this section are for the purposes of this chapter only, and not for the purpose of defining dental practice, medical practice, optometric practice, osteopathic practice, [or] podiatry practice *or chiropractic practice* as such.

§ 6322. Scope of service.

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(b) Classes and kinds of services.—The certificate of authority, bylaws, or resolutions of the board of directors of a professional health service corporation may limit the professional health services that will be provided for its subscribers, and may divide such professional health services as it elects to provide into classes or kinds, and it may enter into contracts with its subscribers or groups of

subscribers to secure professional health services of any kind or class so delimited. *A general medical services corporation shall make available to its subscribers or groups of subscribers, upon request of any individual for his individual subscriptions or any group for its group subscriptions, contracts which provide coverage for professional health services with appropriate premiums.*

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(f) Legislative amendment of stated purposes of existing corporations.—The stated purposes of all existing general medical service corporations are hereby amended so as to include the furnishing of osteopathic, dental, optometric, [and] podiatry *and chiropractic* services through doctors of osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, [and] podiatry *and chiropractic*, respectively.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.

APPROVED—The 10th day of October, A. D. 1980.

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