

HCS HB 1509 -- CHIROPRACTIC CARE (Portwood)

This substitute changes the laws regarding health insurance coverage for chiropractic care. The substitute requires health care plans to allow an enrollee direct access to a participating chiropractor of the enrollee's choice within the plan's network for at least 26 visits per policy period. Current law states that an enrollee may have access to chiropractic care for a total of 26 visits. The substitute also prohibits a health care plan from denying medically necessary and clinically appropriate chiropractic care for additional diagnostic tests or treatment, provided the attending chiropractic physician submits documentation supporting the necessity for additional tests or continued treatment.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$8,000 in FY 2005, \$0 in FY 2006, and \$0 in FY 2007.