

HOUSE BILL 3204
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 26; Title 56, Chapter 27; Title 56, Chapter 28; Title 56, Chapter 29; Title 56, Chapter 32 and Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to the Chiropractic Coverage Equality Act of 2006.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is and may be cited as the "Chiropractic Coverage Equality Act of 2006".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2404(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "chapters 26-29 of this title," and by substituting instead the language "chapters 26-29 and 32 of this title,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2404(a), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately numbered subdivisions:

(3) Whenever any policy of insurance under chapters 26-29 or 32 of this title is issued in this state for the provision or reimbursement of medical services, the insurer shall not impose any limitation on coverage for services authorized or provided by a duly licensed chiropractic physician acting within the scope of practice for chiropractic, as defined by § 63-4-101, unless a comparable limitation is imposed upon like services authorized or provided by any other health care provider licensed in the practice of medicine pursuant to title 63, chapters 6 or 9. An insurer shall not impose a copayment amount or a separate deductible charge to the insured for chiropractic services that is higher than the amount charged for like services authorized or provided by any other health care provider licensed in the practice of medicine pursuant to title 63, chapters 6 or 9.

(4) For the purposes of this subsection, "like services" shall be defined as those services described using the same procedural terminology codes as published by the American Medical Association or any successor coding system.

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2006, and shall apply to all applicable policies of insurance entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.