

SB 963 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires insurance carriers that offer health plans to reimburse osteopathic physicians for osteopathic manipulative treatments determined medically necessary by the physician. Takes effect, January 1, 2018.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential abuse with a limited number of providers billing insurance carriers for multiple procedures during a single patient visit
- Insurance carriers denial of claims submitted by osteopathic physicians

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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- Clarifies insurance carriers are to reimburse providers for evaluation and osteopathic manipulative treatment when services are provided on the same day.

BACKGROUND:

The federal National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) states that health care practitioners use a variety of complementary health approaches in providing patient care including performing hands-on therapy called adjustments (manipulations) to the spine or other parts of the body. The goal of chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation is to correct alignment problems, alleviate pain, improve functioning, and support the body's natural ability to heal itself. Results from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey indicate that 8.4% of U.S. adults (19.4 million) used chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation; the fourth most common use of complementary health approaches by Americans.

Senate Bill 963 requires insurance carriers that offer health plans in Oregon's individual and group market to reimburse osteopathic physicians for manipulative treatments determined medically necessary. The requirement is limited to health plans that reimburse for the cost of an evaluation by an osteopathic physician.