

The Senate Clerk's Office reports today the filing of **SB 321 - Repeal Prior Act/Chiropractor Pmts.** The bill would delete the following language from the General Statutes: "An insurer shall not impose as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage a co-payment amount charged to the insured for chiropractic services that is higher than the co-payment amount charged to the insured for the services of a duly licensed primary care physician for a comparable medically necessary treatment or condition." [See NCGS 58-50-30(a3).]

Without discussion, debate or notice, then Speaker Jim Black added this language to HB 320 - Modify Appropriations Act at the tail end of the 2005 session. Mr. Black has recently addressed the particulars of this addition to the budget bill in criminal court.

SB 321 is sponsored by freshman Senator Tony Foriest (D-Graham). His co-sponsors are 9 in number, and include, in alphabetical order, Democratic Senators Julia Boseman, Walter Dalton, Linda Garrou, Steve Goss, Malcolm Graham, Kay Hagan, Eleanor Kinnaird, Vernon Malone and Tony Rand.

I will keep you posted as efforts are made to repeal this statute.

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