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Introduced by Representatives Woodward of Johnson, Bouchard of

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Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro,

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Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, French of Randolph, Gage of

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Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Marek of Newfane, Martin of

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Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Michelsen of Hardwick,

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Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Poirier of Barre

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City, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Spengler of

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Colchester, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington,

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Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Health; Medicaid; chiropractic services

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Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to reinstate

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Medicaid coverage for chiropractic services.

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An act relating to chiropractic coverage in Medicaid

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It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

1 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

2 The General Assembly finds that:

3 (1) Chiropractic coverage in Medicaid is a cost-effective method of
4 treating certain health conditions, including back and neck pain.

5 (2) Chiropractic services are less expensive than similar services
6 provided by other health care providers. In addition, chiropractors treat back
7 and neck pain and other neuromuscular problems without the use of narcotics,
8 opiates, or any other prescription medication.

9 Sec. 2. MEDICAID CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

10 The Agency of Human Services is directed to reinstate chiropractic
11 coverage for adults in Vermont's Medicaid program effective July 1, 2013 that
12 is consistent with the coverage available under 8 V.S.A. § 4088a and is
13 reimbursed at rates comparable to payment for care or services delivered by
14 other health care providers.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.