WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1973

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HOUSE BILL No. 270

(By Mrs. Winfield and Mr. McDonald)

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PASSED April 13, 1973

In Effect Ninety days from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. RECKELL, III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 5/3/73
ENROLLED

House Bill No. 770
(By Mrs. Withrow and Mr. Mulneix)

[Passed April 13, 1973; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirty, article six, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the insurance policy and the inclusion of chiropractors in the definition of physicians for the purpose of extending policy benefits for chiropractic services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirty, article six, chapter thirty-three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. THE INSURANCE POLICY.

§33-6-30. Construction of policies.

1 Every insurance contract shall be construed according to the entirety of its terms and conditions as set forth in the policy and as amplified, extended or modified by any rider, endorsement or application attached to and made a part of the policy: Provided, That the word “physician” when used in any accident and sickness policy or other contract providing for the payment of surgical procedures shall be construed to include a physician, dentist or chiropodist-podiatrist performing such surgical procedure or chiropractor performing other health care services within the scope of his professional license: Provided, however, That any policy of insurance or medical or
health service contract providing for payment or reimbursement
for any professional services pertaining to eye examination,
refractions or the fitting of corrective lenses shall be construed
to include payment or reimbursement for such professional
service rendered by either a duly licensed physician or a duly
licensed optometrist, within the scope of their respective
professional licenses, and that the insured or subscriber shall
have freedom of choice to select either a physician or an
optometrist to render or perform such professional service.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

N. Darrel Darby
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Claxton
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. J. Brown
President of the Senate

Lewis F. H. Rogers
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 24th day of April, 1973.

[Signature]
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date: 4/24/73
Time: 2:34 p.m.