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HOUSE BILL No. 770

(By Mr. Withrow and Mr. Meadows)



PASSED April 13, 1973

In Effect sixty days from Passage



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EDGAR F. HEISWELL III
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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
2 the entirety of its terms and conditions as set forth in the
3 policy and as amplified, extended or modified by any rider,
4 endorsement or application attached to and made a part of the
5 policy: *Provided*, That the word "physician" when used in
6 any accident and sickness policy or other contract providing for
7 the payment of surgical procedures shall be construed to in-
8 clude a physician, dentist or chiropodist-podiatrist performing
9 such surgical procedure or chiropractor performing other
10 health care services within the scope of his professional license:
11 *Provided, however*, That any policy of insurance or medical or

12 health service contract providing for payment or reimbursement
13 for any professional services pertaining to eye examination,
14 refractions or the fitting of corrective lenses shall be construed
15 to include payment or reimbursement for such professional
16 service rendered by either a duly licensed physician or a duly
17 licensed optometrist, within the scope of their respective
18 professional licenses, and that the insured or subscriber shall
19 have freedom of choice to select either a physician or an
20 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

Lawrence C. Thurston
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Haward W. Carson
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. J. Beuther
President of the Senate

Lewis F. Thomas
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Paul A. Hancock, Jr.
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 4/24/73

Time 2:34 p.m.