

SENATE BILL 319

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, relative to services covered by
TennCare.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Services within the practice of chiropractic performed by a person who is authorized by title 63, chapter 4, to engage in the practice of chiropractic.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Chiropractic services" means healthcare services that are within the practice of chiropractic, as defined in § 63-4-101(a); and

(2) "TennCare entity" means the bureau of TennCare and a managed care organization that contracts directly with the bureau of TennCare to provide medical assistance pursuant to this part.

(b) Medical assistance provided pursuant to this part includes payment for chiropractic services that are provided to recipients who are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(c) A TennCare entity shall not:

(1) Require that a recipient first use an alternative healthcare service before providing payment for chiropractic services; or

(2) Create disincentives that discourage healthcare providers from providing chiropractic services to a recipient.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.