

Ohio House of Representatives Insurance Committee Proponent Testimony House Bill 122 March 3, 2021

Chairman Brinkman, Vice Chairman Lampton, Ranking Member Miranda and members of the House Insurance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on House Bill 122.

The quickly changing need for telehealth services throughout the past year has highlighted its value in the continuity of patient care and access to health care services. There are many barriers that can prevent a patient from receiving in-person services, a crisis being only one of them.

As the largest state association for Doctors of Chiropractic (DCs) in Ohio, the Ohio State Chiropractic Association (OSCA) supports HB 122. It seeks to reduce barriers for Ohioans receiving health services care by ensuring access to telehealth, as well as limiting the financial burden placed on a patient to receive these services and provides guidelines to ensure the protection of the patient's privacy. Many of the services rendered by chiropractic physicians can be easily utilized via telehealth, which allows patients to maintain access to conservative and non-pharmacological treatment options.

The Ohio State Chiropractic Association (OSCA) would like to thank Representatives Fraizer and Holmes for recognizing the ongoing value of telehealth services and ensuring safe and meaningful access to these necessary health care services for Ohioans.

Thank you for consideration of these comments, and I would be available for any follow up questions your committee may have.

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