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**H. B. No. 739**

**Representative O'Brien**

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**A BILL**

To enact sections 3902.30, 5164.061, and 5167.15 of  
the Revised Code to require health insurers and  
the Medicaid program to provide coverage for  
chiropractic and other services when prescribed  
as alternatives to opioid analgesics.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3902.30, 5164.061, and 5167.15 of  
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 3902.30.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as in  
section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Opioid analgesic" has the same meaning as in section  
3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, a  
health benefit plan issued, modified, or renewed on or after the  
effective date of this section shall cover the following  
services if prescribed by a physician, advanced practice  
registered nurse, or physician assistant as an alternative to  
treatment with an opioid analgesic:

(1) Acupuncture, as defined in section 4762.01 of the 19  
Revised Code; 20

(2) Chiropractic, as defined in section 4734.01 of the 21  
Revised Code; 22

(3) Massage therapy, as defined in section 4731.04 of the 23  
Revised Code; 24

(4) Physical therapy, as defined in section 4755.40 of the 25  
Revised Code. 26

(C) (1) The coverage described in division (B) of this 27  
section shall be provided only when such services are provided 28  
by an individual authorized by the Revised Code to provide those 29  
services. 30

(2) A health benefit plan shall not impose limits on the 31  
number of visits covered under this section. 32

**Sec. 5164.061.** (A) As used in this section, "opioid 33  
analgesic" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the 34  
Revised Code. 35

(B) Subject to division (C) of this section, the medicaid 36  
program shall cover the following services if prescribed by a 37  
physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician 38  
assistant as an alternative to treatment with an opioid 39  
analgesic: 40

(1) Acupuncture, as defined in section 4762.01 of the 41  
Revised Code; 42

(2) Chiropractic, as defined in section 4734.01 of the 43  
Revised Code; 44

(3) Massage therapy, as defined in section 4731.04 of the 45

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<u>Revised Code.</u>	48
<u>(C) (1) The services described in division (B) of this</u>	49
<u>section shall be provided only by an individual authorized by</u>	50
<u>the Revised Code to provide such services.</u>	51
<u>(2) The medicaid program shall not establish limits on the</u>	52
<u>number of visits for services that a medicaid recipient may</u>	53
<u>receive under this section.</u>	54
<u><b>Sec. 5167.15.</b> When contracting under section 5167.10 of</u>	55
<u>the Revised Code with a medicaid managed care organization, the</u>	56
<u>department of medicaid shall require the organization to comply</u>	57
<u>with section 5164.061 of the Revised Code as if the organization</u>	58
<u>were the department.</u>	59