



UNITED STATES SENATE

The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act (S.799) **Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)**

The Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act would allow Medicare beneficiaries to access the full range of chiropractic services chiropractors are allowed to provide under their state licensure. This legislation would expand Medicare coverage to allow chiropractors to order diagnostic services, like x-rays, that are needed to determine and prescribe appropriate chiropractic care. The current process requires a beneficiary to seek diagnostic tests elsewhere and then return to the chiropractor for covered care, like adjustments. This current process is a barrier for Medicare patients that does not exist elsewhere—private insurance largely covers chiropractic care and diagnostics. Chiropractic care can also serve as an alternative means of treatment for those suffering from back or neck pain that may be otherwise prescribed opioids for pain relief.

This legislation would not add any new reimbursable services to Medicare that are not already covered services and delivered by existing providers. This bill seeks to modify existing statute to ensure that chiropractors are allowed to furnish and order “existing covered services” which they are currently permitted to do under state law.

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