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Senate File 299

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SENATE FILE 299
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to podiatry by broadening the scope of practice
2 of podiatry, by including podiatrists in the definition of
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4 relating to temporary certificates, by providing for coverage
5 of podiatrists' services under prepaid group plans of health
6 maintenance organizations and providing for data collection
7 and utilization review, and by providing for other properly
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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12 licensed as a chiropractor shall be designated as a
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15 Sec. 2. Section 145.3, subsection 3, paragraph h, Code
16 1987, is amended to read as follows:

17 h. The commissioner of insurance and the director of
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22 physicians as defined by section 135.1 and for podiatrists
23 licensed under chapter 149. The collection, correlation, and
24 development of this data shall include, but not be limited to,
25 information and reports covering the physician designations as
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27 available annually.

28 Sec. 3. Section 149.1, subsection 2, Code 1987, is amended
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30 following:

31 2. Persons who diagnose, prescribe, or prescribe and
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16 Sec. 6. Section 149.6, Code 1987, is amended to read as
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20 podiatrist and shall not use any title or abbreviation without
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22 the public in any way as to the limited field or practice.

23 Sec. 7. Section 149.7, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,
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4 specifically designated by the podiatry examiners. The
5 granting of a temporary certificate does not in any way
6 indicate that the person licensed is necessarily eligible for
7 regular licensure, and the podiatry examiners are not
8 obligated to license the person.

9 Sec. 8. Section 514B.1, subsection 2, Code 1987, is
10 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

11 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The health care services
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16 diagnosis or treatment is provided within the scope of the
17 podiatrist's license and if the plan would pay for the
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20 licensed under chapter 148 or the practice of osteopathic
21 medicine and surgery licensed under chapter 150A. The plan
22 shall provide that enrollees may reject the coverage for
23 diagnosis or treatment by a podiatrist if coverage for the
24 same or similar diagnosis or treatment by all providers
25 licensed under chapter 148, 149, or 150A is also rejected.
26 This paragraph applies to services provided under plans made
27 after the effective date of this Act, and to existing group
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29 expiration of the applicable collective bargaining contract,
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32 federal Social Security Act, or any other similar coverage
33 under a state or federal government plan.

34 Sec. 9. Section 514F.1, Code 1987, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 514F.1 UTILIZATION AND COST CONTROL REVIEW COMMITTEES.

2 The boards of examiners under chapters 148, 149, 150, 150A,
3 151, and 153 shall establish utilization and cost control
4 review committees of licensees under the respective chapters,
5 selected from licensees who have practiced in Iowa for at
6 least the previous five years, or shall accredit and designate
7 other utilization and cost control organizations as
8 utilization and cost control committees under this section,
9 for the purposes of utilization review of the appropriateness
10 of levels of treatment and of giving opinions as to the
11 reasonableness of charges for diagnostic or treatment services
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13 Title XX of the Code and self-insurers for health care
14 benefits to employees may utilize the services of the
15 utilization and cost control review committees upon the
16 payment of a reasonable fee for the services, to be determined
17 by the respective boards of examiners. The respective boards
18 of examiners under chapters 148, 149, 150, 151, and 153 shall
19 adopt rules necessary and proper for the implementation of
20 this section pursuant to chapter 17A. It is the intent of
21 this general assembly that conduct of the utilization and cost
22 control review committees authorized under this section shall
23 be exempt from challenge under federal or state antitrust laws
24 or other similar laws in regulation of trade or commerce.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill makes a number of statutory changes relating to
27 podiatrists.

28 The bill amends chapter 149, relating to the practice of
29 podiatry, to broaden the scope of practice of podiatrists. It
30 expands the provision on temporary certificates to include
31 others in addition to academic staff members of podiatry
32 schools.

33 The bill inserts podiatrists in the definition of
34 "physician" in section 135.1, which applies primarily to Title
35 VII of the Code (chapters 135 through 145A, relating to public

1 health) but also applies to certain provisions on data
2 collection and utilization review.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 299

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2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 15 through 35 and
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6 read as follows:

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10 the practice of podiatry:

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13 duties incident to the practice of podiatry.

14 ~~2.--A-podiatrist-is-one-who-examines-or-diagnoses~~
15 ~~or-treats-ailments-of-the-human-foot,-medically-or~~
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17 b. Persons who diagnose, prescribe, or prescribe
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19 or treat such ailments by medical, mechanical, or
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21 2. As used in this chapter, "human foot" means the
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24 2. By striking page 2, line 23 through page 4,
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9 purposes, by providing for data collection".

10 4. By numbering and renumbering as necessary.

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Filed March 30, 1988

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By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
BLANSHAN of Greene, Chairperson

H-5813 FILED MARCH 22, 1988

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CHAIR: *Soarholtz*
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SENATE FILE 299

AN ACT

RELATING TO PODIATRY BY BROADENING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PODIATRY, BY INCLUDING PODIATRISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICIAN" FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES, BY PROVIDING FOR DATA COLLECTION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW, AND BY PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS.

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

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~~2. A podiatrist is one who examines or diagnoses or treats ailments of the human foot, medically or surgically.~~

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 299, Seventy-second General Assembly.

JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May, 1988

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor