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### **House Bill 136 Passes Unanimously on the Senate Floor**

*(Columbus, OH)* The OSCA is excited to announce that House Bill 136 passed the Senate floor unanimously on March 2, 2022, by a vote of 33-0. Sponsored by Representative Scott Lipps (R-Franklin), this important piece of legislation will improve access for Ohioans by ensuring coverage of E/M services and preventing prior authorization requirements of covered services in Medicaid

“Although best practice guidelines recommend conservative care like chiropractic as a first line option, many payers have not updated their coverage policies to reflect this, creating a barrier for Ohioans to access conservative treatment. This legislation is a great step to improve access to the right treatment at the right time”, stated Dr. Brandy Spaulding, Executive Director of The Ohio State Chiropractic Association.

During Wednesday’s Senate session, the bill was introduced to the floor by Senate Health committee chair Senator Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) and was also supported by Senator Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood). Both acknowledged this bill will reduce barriers to care and reimburse chiropractors for a service that is consistent with standards of care. “We constantly are looking for alternatives to using pain medication, to getting people on the right track, we need everything available. This bill, which Representative Lipps has worked on for a long time, is a step in the right direction. It will help have more options available for folks, especially those individuals covered by Medicaid,” said Senator Antonio.

Having passed both the House and Senate floors, the bill will now enter its final stage where it will be sent to Governor Mike DeWine (R) for signature and will go into effect 90 days after it is signed.

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