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Sponsor Testimony for HB 102 in House Health Committee

(Columbus) Yesterday, Representative Scott Lipps (R- Franklin) provided sponsor testimony for House Bill 102, the chiropractic Medicaid bill, to the House Health Committee. The bill will help achieve chiropractic parity in the healthcare community by requiring Medicaid to reimburse DCs at the same rate as other physicians.

During his testimony, Representative Lipps stated, "Chiropractic methods can solve the root cause of pain, instead of masking the pain and risking dependency on opioids. One in six Medicaid recipients in Ohio between 2016 and 2017 received an opioid prescription. The hope for this bill is to offer an alternative to opioids and curb addiction related to the opioid crisis. One study from Dartmouth College found that adults receiving chiropractic services were 55% less likely to fill a prescription for opioids."

This testimony came the same day as 2019 Ohio Chiropractic Advocacy Day. Over 80 Ohio Doctors of Chiropractic came to the state capital and spoke with over 50 legislators throughout the day. They met with legislators in their offices, and hosted others at a legislative reception at the statehouse.

The OSCA awaits news of any upcoming dates for future testimony on the legislation. We will keep members updated with any more information.

For any questions, please contact the OSCA Office at osca@oscachiro.org.

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