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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) A licensed medical
4 professional who, acting within the scope of his or her practice, intends
5 to perform an adjustment, manipulation, mobilization or other similar
6 procedure that involves applying pressure to the cervical spine of a
7 patient shall, prior to performing such procedure, provide the
8 following statement in writing to the patient in twelve-point type:

9 "I am about to apply pressure to or manipulate your neck area.
10 Although this procedure is within the scope of my practice and is
11 considered a safe treatment, adverse consequences from this procedure
12 do occur on rare occasions. These consequences can include a tearing
13 of the vertebral or carotid artery, which can lead to a stroke. Symptoms
14 of stroke may include the sudden onset of: Numbness of the face,
15 especially on one side of the face; numbness of the arm or leg; trouble

16 speaking or understanding; impaired vision in one or both eyes; severe
17 headache; and dizziness or loss of balance and coordination. Should
18 you experience any of these symptoms consult your doctor
19 immediately."

20 (b) The patient and licensed medical professional shall both affix
21 their signatures or initials to the document, pursuant to subsection (a)
22 of this section, prior to the treatment and the original document shall
23 be maintained in the patient's records."