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Statement of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association
Senate Bill 192
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
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Sen. Crisco, Rep. Megna, Sen. Kelly, Rep. Sampson and members of the committee:

My name is Candito Carroccia; I am a Chiropractic Physician practicing in Middletown and I reside in Plainville Connecticut. I would like to offer several comments about Senate Bill 192, *An Act Concerning the Qualifications of Clinical Peers for Adverse Determination Reviews*.

Under the current law, if practitioner receives a denial of a treatment of service for their patient, the practitioner can have the decision reviewed. The insurer is obligated to have a practitioner in the same or similar specialty review the decision. We believe this is a fair approach.

The bill appears to end this requirement in line 8 and that concerns us. Our concern is also over the change in line 9 that appears to limit the reviews to a person with a doctoral or medical degree.

As a Chiropractic Physicians, I believe that my decisions should be reviewed by another Chiropractic Physician in the "adverse determination" process. It would be unfair to patients to have someone who is not trained to understand the procedures I utilize to comment on them nor would it be fair for me to comment or critique a procedure that was performed by another specialist without knowledge or training in their specialty, ultimately it would be the patients who would suffer.

We also believe several changes in the bill appear to improve the law, such as requiring that the reviewer actively practice (line 11) or that he or she has knowledge of the procedures or treatments in question (line 13).

We appreciate your consideration of our comments. Thank you.