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To: Chairperson Suzanne Chun Oakland
Vice Chairperson Josh Green M.D.
Members of the Senate Human Services Committee

Chairperson Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chairperson Brian T. Taniguchi
Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

From: Victoria DeFuentes ✓

Subject: Support for SB2479, Chiropractic Care, Med-QUEST, Medicaid

I support SB2479. The bill is proposing that both Med-QUEST and Medicaid provide chiropractic services with a limit of 24 visits per calendar year.

Chiropractic care is mostly used to treat neuromusculoskeletal complaints such as: neck pain, back pain, headaches, and joint pain. It is important for everyone to have the ability to have chiropractic care because it helps prevent the body from having serious injuries in the future like surgeries or having to use medicine. Medicaid and Med-QUEST provide health care for any eligible Hawaii resident but one thing that is not covered is Chiropractic care.

Aside from dentists and medical doctors. Chiropractors are “the third largest group of doctorate-level, portal-of-entry primary-care providers in the nation” (American Chiropractic Association). It is necessary that Medicaid and Med-QUEST provide people with the coverage of chiropractic care considering how many people need it and use it. Including chiropractic coverage could prevent so many serious injuries that could end up costing so much money because chiropractors help people with pain and prevent them from having serious damage to the muscles.

I support SB2479 and I hope that it will be passed.

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Aloha chairperson Suzanne Chun Oakland,
chairperson Rosalyn H. Baker, members of Senate
human services committee, and senate commerce & consumers

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request I am in support of SB 2479,
~~requiring~~ chiropractic care to
require Med-Quest / MEDACAD coverage
for 24 free visits a calendar
year.

- ~~Dentistry provides ~~medicaid~~
coverage for patients, and
chiropractic care should to.~~
- my mother recently had a
back tumor, and she attends
chiropractic care to help with
back problems, and the care
has been very beneficial,
in recovering w/ her
surgery.
- w/o the care, she'd have
many back issues. ~~with~~
~~chiropractic care~~. People
w/ similar situations
~~is~~ covered by medicaid
& medacare can also

Thank you for your time and
I hope th