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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act is intended to expand the scope  
8 of practice of chiropractic only with regard to adjustment of  
9 extremities in connection with a spinal adjustment."

10 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 18.25.005 and 1974 ex.s. c 97 s 7 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (~~For the purpose of chapters 18.25 and 18.26 RCW, the term~~  
13 ~~"chiropractic" shall mean and include that practice of health care~~  
14 ~~which deals with the detection of subluxations, which shall be defined~~  
15 ~~as any alteration of the biomechanical and physiological dynamics of~~  
16 ~~contiguous spinal structures which can cause neuronal disturbances, the~~  
17 ~~chiropractic procedure preparatory to, and complementary to the~~  
18 ~~correction thereof, by adjustment or manipulation of the articulations~~  
19 ~~of the vertebral column and its immediate articulations for the~~  
20 ~~restoration and maintenance of health; it includes the normal regimen~~  
21 ~~and rehabilitation of the patient, physical examination to determine~~  
22 ~~the necessity for chiropractic care, the use of x ray and other~~  
23 ~~analytical instruments generally used in the practice of chiropractic:~~  
24 ~~PROVIDED, That no chiropractor shall prescribe or dispense any medicine~~  
25 ~~or drug nor practice obstetrics or surgery nor use x rays for~~  
26 ~~therapeutic purposes: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the term "chiropractic"~~  
27 ~~as defined in this act shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under~~

1 ~~chapter 18.71 RCW from performing accepted medical procedures, except~~  
2 ~~such procedures shall not include the adjustment by hand of any~~  
3 ~~articulation of the spine: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing herein~~  
4 ~~shall be construed to prohibit the rendering of dietary advice.))~~

5 (1) Chiropractic is the practice of health care that deals with the  
6 diagnosis or analysis and care or treatment of the vertebral  
7 subluxation complex and its effects, articular dysfunction, and  
8 musculoskeletal disorders, all for the restoration and maintenance of  
9 health and recognizing the recuperative powers of the body.

10 (2) Chiropractic treatment or care includes the use of procedures  
11 involving spinal adjustments, and extremity manipulation insofar as any  
12 such procedure is complementary or preparatory to a chiropractic spinal  
13 adjustment. Chiropractic treatment also includes the use of heat,  
14 cold, water, exercise, massage, trigger point therapy, dietary advice  
15 and recommendation of nutritional supplementation except for medicines  
16 of herbal, animal, or botanical origin, the normal regimen and  
17 rehabilitation of the patient, first aid, and counseling on hygiene,  
18 sanitation, and preventive measures. Chiropractic care also includes  
19 such physiological therapeutic procedures as traction and light, but  
20 does not include procedures involving the application of sound,  
21 diathermy, or electricity.

22 (3) As part of a chiropractic differential diagnosis, a  
23 chiropractor shall perform a physical examination, which may include  
24 diagnostic x-rays, to determine the appropriateness of chiropractic  
25 care or the need for referral to other health care providers. The  
26 chiropractic disciplinary board shall provide by rule for the type and  
27 use of diagnostic and analytical devices and procedures consistent with  
28 this chapter.

29 (4) Chiropractic care shall not include the prescription or  
30 dispensing of any medicine or drug, the practice of obstetrics or

1 surgery, the use of x-rays or any other form of radiation for  
2 therapeutic purposes, colonic irrigation, or any form of venipuncture.

3 (5) Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts any other  
4 practitioner of a "health profession" defined in RCW 18.120.020(4) from  
5 performing any functions or procedures the practitioner is licensed or  
6 permitted to perform, and the term "chiropractic" as defined in this  
7 chapter shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71  
8 RCW from performing medical procedures, except such procedures shall  
9 not include the adjustment by hand of any articulation of the spine."

10 **"Sec. 3.** RCW 18.25.006 and 1991 c 3 s 36 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
13 this section apply throughout this chapter.

14 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

15 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health or  
16 the secretary's designee.

17 (3) "Chiropractor" means an individual licensed under this chapter.

18 (4) "Board" means the Washington state board of chiropractic  
19 examiners.

20 (5) "Vertebral subluxation complex" means a functional defect or  
21 alteration of the biomechanical and physiological dynamics in a joint  
22 that may cause neuronal disturbances, with or without displacement  
23 detectable by x-ray. The effects of the vertebral subluxation complex  
24 may include, but are not limited to, any of the following: Fixation,  
25 hypomobility, hypermobility, periarticular muscle spasm, edema, or  
26 inflammation.

27 (6) "Articular dysfunction" means an alteration of the  
28 biomechanical and physiological dynamics of a joint of the axial or  
29 appendicular skeleton.

1       (7) "Musculoskeletal disorders" means abnormalities of the muscles,  
2 bones, and connective tissue.

3       (8) "Chiropractic differential diagnosis" means a diagnosis to  
4 determine the existence of a vertebral subluxation complex, articular  
5 dysfunction, or musculoskeletal disorder, and the appropriateness of  
6 chiropractic care or the need for referral to other health care  
7 providers.

8       (9) "Chiropractic adjustment" means chiropractic care of a  
9 vertebral subluxation complex, articular dysfunction, or  
10 musculoskeletal disorder. Such care includes manual or mechanical  
11 adjustment of any vertebral articulation and contiguous articulations  
12 beyond the normal passive physiological range of motion.

13       (10) "Extremity manipulation" means a corrective thrust or maneuver  
14 applied to a joint of the appendicular skeleton. The use of extremity  
15 manipulation shall be complementary and preparatory to a chiropractic  
16 spinal adjustment to support correction of a vertebral subluxation  
17 complex and is considered a part of a spinal adjustment and shall not  
18 be billed separately from or in addition to a spinal adjustment."

19       "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 18.25 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21       All state health care purchasers shall have the authority to set  
22 service and fee limitations on chiropractic costs. The health care  
23 authority shall establish pilot projects in defined geographic regions  
24 of the state to contract with organizations of chiropractors for a  
25 prepaid capitated amount."

26       "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
2 effect immediately."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "chiropractic;" strike the  
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.25.025 and  
8 18.25.006; adding a new section to chapter 18.25 RCW; creating a new  
9 section; and declaring an emergency."