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### DENENBERG QUESTIONS VALUE OF CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT

Insurance Commissioner Herbert S. Denenberg today cited a long chain of scientific investigations questioning the medical value of chiropractic treatment.

Denenberg presented the evidence during the Insurance Department's hearings on health care delivery system in Philadelphia City Hall.

The Report of the National Advisory Commission on Health Manpower, Denenberg noted, cited two principal dangers in chiropractic treatment. "First, chiropractic treatment frequently delays proper and effective medical care until it is too late. Second, chiropractic treatment often produces actual physical damage to patients."

Studies done for the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare recommended that chiropractic treatment not be included in either the Medicare or Medicaid programs, Denenberg added.

The HEW statement concluded: "Chiropractic theory and practice are not based upon the body of basic knowledge related to health, disease and health care that has been widely accepted by the scientific community."

Denenberg also referred to a 1965 report prepared by Justice Lacroix of the Superior Court of Quebec. That report stated, "Treatment by manipulation is difficult and dangerous. It may not, therefore, be administered except by people with long and adequate specialized treatment on this technique."

The report concluded that training given to chiropractors did not adequately prepare them to make the diagnosis required by the technique of manipulation.

"These reports and the many other similar studies on chiropractic treatment speak for themselves," Denenberg stated.

"The facts are now on the table for the public to view and it is their responsibility to make the final decision."