

**Minnesota Hospital Association**  
**Comments on H.F. 1850, chiropractic scope of practice legislation.**

*The Minnesota Hospital Association reminds policymakers of two key attributes of our Minnesota health care delivery system: high quality and low costs. Maintaining Minnesota's high quality, low cost status – which includes patient care and the costs we all pay -- should be the foremost consideration when reviewing and debating health care profession legislation.*

MHA has concerns regarding possible expansion and utilization of imaging facilities and equipment as a result of this legislation. Section 1, subdivision 1 (5) states, “Nothing in this section shall prohibit an individual licensed under section 148.06 from owning equipment used for providing diagnostic services or from operating that equipment.”

Studies have linked the increase of imaging facilities and equipment to an increase in utilization with an associated increase in health care costs. In addition, there is no evidence of a lack of access to imaging in Minnesota. MHA is concerned this legislation could lead to increased utilization and health care costs.