

February 12, 2019

Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill SB 734

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Robert Hunt and I live in Tualatin. For several years I have received treatment from my Naturopathic Physician. I have had very good results from his treatment and care. I have also used Medical Doctors and continue to use them, also with good results. I was shocked to recently learn that usually, if not always, ND's are paid much less by insurance companies compared to what MD's are paid for the exact same procedures. No one wants to pay more for insurance, but it makes no sense for them to pay one type of doctor half or less than what they pay another type of doctor for exactly the same service. In fact my insurance will not even allow me to utilize my ND as my primary care provider and have those services paid by my insurance company. Again, this makes no sense.

I am told that the legislature can have a major influence on these problems by requiring insurance companies to pay NDs the same rates as MDs for the same procedures. Please pass a ND pay equity bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "H".

Robert Hunt
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