

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 734

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

April 4

- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 23 and insert:
2 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**
3 **“(a) ‘Health benefit plan’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005.**
4 **“(b) ‘Independent practice’ means the naturopathic physician bills insurers for services**
5 **provided by the naturopathic physician using the:**
6 **“(A) Diagnosis and procedure codes applicable to the services;**
7 **“(B) Naturopathic physician’s own name; and**
8 **“(C) Naturopathic physician’s national provider identifier.**
9 **“(c) ‘Naturopathic physician’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 685.010.**
10 **“(d) ‘Physician’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010.**
11 **“(2) An individual or group health benefit plan that reimburses the cost of a service**
12 **provided by a physician shall reimburse the cost of the same service provided by a**
13 **naturopathic physician if the service is within the scope of practice of the naturopathic**
14 **physician.**
15 **“(3) An individual or group health benefit plan shall reimburse the cost of a service pro-**
16 **vided by a naturopathic physician who is in an independent practice in the same amount and**
17 **using the same payment methodology as the reimbursement paid under the plan to a physi-**
18 **cian providing the service in the same setting and geographic area.**
19 **“(4) An insurer may not reduce the reimbursement paid to a physician in order to comply**
20 **with this section.**
21 **“(5) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.”.**
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