

Dear Senate Committee Members,

I am a sole proprietor as a Naturopathic Physician working in Lane County as a Primary Care Provider in a General Medicine practice. I have been a physician for 22 years. I have been a health care provider for 37 years. I bill OHP/Medicaid solely in my practice.

I find that I am reimbursed 35-40% of my billed services. I also find that Medicaid through Trillium and Pacific Source deny payment for the extended visit code 99354 and 99355 for comprehensive initial and return office visits. Pacific Source has a limit on prevention codes 99393-96 for all Medicaid patients. I believe that Naturopathic Physicians are explicitly trained in preventative medicine. I save insurance companies money by providing comprehensive preventative care to the Lane County Medicaid population of infants, children, women, men and elders. Please help us as small business owners to maintain a viable practice and continue to be an asset to our community by voting yes for pay parity for Naturopathic Physician.

Respectfully Submitted,

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