

Name: Katarzyna Iwan, M.D.

Date: February 1st, 2021

Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Katarzyna Iwan and I am a Pain Medicine physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

In general, naturopathic physicians are trained at a level commensurate or even greater than physician assistants and/or nurse practitioners, yet NDs get reimbursed less than all other provider types for the care they deliver. Naturopathic physicians are a vital part of our local business and healthcare system, yet without reimbursement from insurances commensurate with the level of care they deliver, their practices are face significant financial strain.

With this year's pay parity legislation, this reimbursement discrimination can be rectified. Please support this bill to help our naturopathic colleagues and their businesses receive the equitable pay that they deserve. I work closely with an N.D. colleague whose skill set in musculoskeletal US is better than any provider I have worked with in the past and who exhibits excellent patient care. I believe he deserves to have the equal reimbursement as other provides in our community.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Iwan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katarzyna Iwan, M.D.