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Adam Kuby <adamkuby@gmail.com> Tue, Feb 14, 1:27 PM (2 days ago)

to me

Dear House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee,

My name is Adam Kuby and I am a patient of a licensed naturopathic doctor (ND). I'm hoping you will support HB2555.

I've been having challenging health issues and honestly my ND has been more helpful than my PCP in finding the correct diagnosis and directing me to the right specialists. He is as smart and helpful as my PCP, maybe more.

Unfortunately, naturopathic doctors in Oregon are not being fairly compensated for the care they give me and for the important role they play in our state's healthcare workforce. Naturopathic doctors are paid about half of what all the other provider types (MDs, DOs, NPs and PAs) are paid for the same exact billing code and same service provided. This discrepancy puts my doctor on unstable financial ground and puts my access to my provider of choice in jeopardy. Naturopathic doctors are being forced to drop insurance plans to remain financially viable.

It is essential that I be able to utilize my health insurance to see my doctor. I cannot afford to

both purchase health insurance and pay out of pocket for my regular and preventive care. It's not only unfair, it's unrealistic. I need my ND to stay in network with my insurance and to stay in business!

I am asking you to please vote yes on HB2555 and ensure access to licensed naturopathic doctors.

Sincerely,
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