February 13, 2025

The Honorable Deb Patterson, Senate Health Committee

900 Court Street NE

Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: **Support for SB 822**

Dear Chair Patterson and Honorable Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Chiropractic Association supports SB 822 introduced at the request of Governor Tina Kotek and respectfully urges your "I-vote," and we thank Governor Kotek for introducing this important proposed legislation.

We direct you to page two subsection (2)(a-c) known as, "provider non-discrimination provisions," and "Section 2706a" taken from the federal PPACA (Obamacare) law passed in 2010. This same non-discrimination language was inserted into Oregon State law in 2012 applied to the state's coordinated care organizations (CCOs) prohibiting CCOs from discrimination against chiropractic physicians or any other type of healthcare provider. In 2015 these important non-discrimination provisions were inserted into Oregon law applied to commercial health insurers via HB 2468 the first "Network Adequacy" legislation applied to individual and small group plans and state,

> **(2)(a) A carrier may not discriminate with respect to <u>participation</u> under a Health benefit plan or <u>coverage</u> under the plan against any health care Provider who is acting within the scope of the provider's license or certification in this state.**
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> **(b) This subsection does not require a carrier to contract with any health care provider who is willing to abide by the carrier's terms and conditions for Participation established by the carrier.**
>
> **(c) The subsection does not prevent a carrier from establishing <u>varying reimbursement rates based on quality or performance measures</u>."**

We applaud Governor Kotek for her willingness to apply these important provisions prohibiting carriers from discriminating against chiropractic physicians or any other health care provider. We respectfully urge your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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President