



MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Rob Nosse, Chair, House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
Rep. Travis Nelson, Vice-Chair, House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
Rep. Cyrus Javadi, Vice-Chair, House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
Members of the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee

From: Courtni Dresser, Vice President of Government Relations

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Re: OMA Comments in Support of HB 3242

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) engages in advocacy, policy, and community for over 7,000 physicians, physician associates, and medical and PA students in Oregon. The association serves and supports members in their efforts to practice medicine better, improve the health of Oregonians and provide the best care for their patients.

House Bill 3242 seeks to amend ORS 743B.454 to require health insurers to reimburse healthcare clinicians who are joining an in-network practice at in-network rates during the credentialing period.

HB 3242 supports continuity of patient care by ensuring that new clinicians joining an in-network practice are reimbursed at in-network rates during the credentialing period, preventing disruptions in care delivery. It also promotes equitable compensation by guaranteeing that clinicians providing comparable services to their in-network peers receive fair and equivalent reimbursement, preventing financial disadvantage during the credentialing process. Additionally, the bill enhances administrative efficiency by reducing burdens related to retroactive claims adjustments and payment disputes. Furthermore, fair and timely reimbursement practices make Oregon a more attractive environment for healthcare professionals, strengthening recruitment and retention efforts and ultimately improving the state's healthcare system.

The OMA believes that HB 3242 is a necessary step toward ensuring fair compensation for clinicians and uninterrupted care for patients. We urge the committee to pass this bill and support its implementation.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this important issue.