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I have been practicing in Newberg Oregon since 2011 and I used to serve a greater number of people in this world community by taking insurance. That being said, insurance would regularly deny care due to my naturopathic status, and reimburse poorly.

I remember the first \$.47 check, I got for services from an insurance company in the mail. It took more money to process, create and send the check then it did to actually pay me for whatever services are worth \$.47 in primary care.

I had to go to a membership model, which severely constrained my ability to make a difference in healthcare during the crisis that we are currently facing. If coverage was better for naturopathic physicians, I would bill insurance again.

Thank you for considering, leveling the playing field for naturopathic physicians as we work to treat the cause of disease and revive the health of as many people as we can... and not burn out, taking less for compensation than a tip at your local barista