

Submitter: Rose Novak
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chairman Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

My name is Rose Novak and I am a Registered Counselor Associate. I am a therapist in Portland area of Oregon and have been practicing for 2 years.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029. Insurance audits are abusive and unfair to clinicians and thereby limit access to care to the people of Oregon. Please help stop this practice. I have personally suffered financially from erroneous clawbacks made by insurance (that took me 8 months to have them correct!), to the point where I have questioned my capacity to work with commercial or medicaid insurance at all for living in constant fear of not being able to pay my own bills. I know of not one other profession where one is constantly living in fear that money you earned ethically and compliantly could be taken away from you at any given point in the future for obscure and previously undisclosed reasons. This has also made me seriously question whether or not I can stay in the mental health field. Issues like these drive qualified clinicians out of a field that is already suffering from a shortage of professionals given the demand and need for services.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely

Rose Novak