



March 4, 2025

Oregon Legislative Assembly
House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Letter of Support for HB3134

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi, Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians (OANP) supports HB3134.

Naturopathic physicians, along with our conventional medical physician and other provider colleagues, have the onerous burden of obtaining prior authorization for necessary testing and treatment. While this step may pass under the guise of trying to reduce unnecessary tests and treatments, ultimately saving cost to the healthcare system, in reality this system of prior authorization has developed into a means to deny justified and necessary care for patients. The current system puts an undue administrative burden on practices to obtain prior authorization or perform a peer to peer; flirts with the insurance companies themselves practicing medicine (without a license to do so and without establishing a doctor patient relationship), delays in care, and is a cottage industry for insurers to pad their bottom line all the while denying care to their dues payers.

HB3134 seeks to remedy this situation. We fully support this bill and urge the Oregon legislature to do so as well. This bill will ensure patients will receive the care they deserve in a timely manner, provide transparency to the prior authorization process, and reduce administrative burden on practitioners.

Sincerely,
Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians