



Dear Representative,

My name is Dr. Mark Gabriel, a practicing chiropractic physician in Oregon for the past 14 years and a proud member of the Oregon Chiropractic Association. I am writing to strongly oppose **House Bill 3374**, which would allow SAIF Corporation to establish its own Managed Care Organization (MCO).

This bill is deeply concerning for two major reasons:

1. Reduced Access to Quality Medical Care

Allowing SAIF to create its own MCO presents a clear conflict of interest and undermines patient choice. Rather than improving the quality of care, it would narrow provider networks and limit access for injured workers—many of whom rely on comprehensive, evidence-based care from a diverse range of providers, including chiropractic physicians. Centralizing control in the hands of an insurance entity threatens the very principle of patient-centered care.

2. Discriminatory Provider Classification

Even more troubling is the language in the bill that would grant “physician status” to physician assistants (PAs) and nurse practitioners (NPs), while **excluding chiropractic physicians** from that designation. This is both illogical and unjust. Chiropractic physicians undergo extensive training, licensure, and clinical experience and are recognized as physicians under Oregon law in many contexts. Elevating PAs and NPs while sidelining chiropractic physicians—who provide critical, non-pharmacological musculoskeletal care—sets a dangerous precedent and undermines the integrity of our healthcare system.

Oregon should be moving toward a more integrated, equitable, and patient-first model of care—not creating closed systems that prioritize cost-cutting over outcomes, or diminish the role of established providers in the name of convenience or profit.

I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 3374.

Please stand up for access to quality care and for fairness in provider recognition. Chiropractic physicians are essential healthcare providers in Oregon, and we deserve the same professional respect as other practitioners.

Thank you for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,

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