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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3374

To any representatives on the fence or in favor of this bill. I urge you to vote against it. Healthcare should be managed by doctors, not insurance companies. Their duty is to their shareholders not policy holders. Chiropractors are well trained, positioned and ready to assist patients especially those injured on the job. They would have suffered an injury that we are well capable of handling apart from any lacerations or fractures. Chiropractors can quickly examine and determine if we can help a patient or not and who to refer them to if necessary.

I have a current patient who suffered a shoulder tear 5 months before he came to me. He was treated without any benefits. When he finally came in his wife told me he was still crying at night from the pain and unable to sleep peacefully. In one month of only once a week treatment his pain was relieved and he was able to sleep. His range of motion has improved dramatically. It took time for the insurance to agree to pay for treatment with me. He was paying out of pocket and will have to cover what the company won't.

He could have saved a lot of time, some money and pain had he been sent to me first. Out of desperation he came to me. If we are a first option without referral we will likely have more patients with good or even better responses as my example.

Again please vote no.

Thank you,
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