



March 23, 2020:

On behalf of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon and the over 1,500 osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in the state of Oregon I would like to thank this committee for their tireless work during this difficult time.

I have been hearing from our members, particularly those in private practice regarding the extraordinary challenges they face in meeting the needs of their patients, navigating the latest executive orders and keeping their offices open to do their part in easing the massive burden we expect to hit hospitals in the coming days.

To support the continuing need to provide services to keep our community healthy while doing everything possible to address this epidemic, OPSO recommends requiring commercial carriers to cover telemedicine services at the same reimbursement rate as in-person encounters during this state of emergency.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

David Walls
Executive Director