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Meeting Dates:	2/16, 3/18, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Council on Naturopathic Physicians to determine inclusionary drug formulary. Deletes reference to the treatment of animals by naturopathic physicians. Applies only to drugs prescribed or administered on or after January 1, 2010. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Scope of Practice Guidelines
- Review of Scope of Practice Report
- Inclusionary versus exclusionary formulary
- Potential “gap” when new drug is released and Formulary Council review and inclusion on prohibited formulary
- Naturopathic physician employment obstacles and salary compensation equity
- Co-managing of patient examinations and assessments by providers/prescribers and correlated health care costs
- Public safety and prescribing efficacy
- Clinical, educational and pharmacological required hours and training, program accreditation, licensing examination and post-graduate residency requirements
- Establishment of work group

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes any reference to the treatment of animals. Modifies language in measure to reflect an inclusionary rather than an exclusionary formulary.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, naturopathic physicians are allowed to prescribe naturally-derived medications as approved by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners’ Formulary Council. As a result, naturopathic physicians prescribe medications from all classes of drugs, but cannot prescribe any medications that are synthetically derived. Senate Bill 327-A allows naturopathic physicians the ability to prescribe medications regardless of their molecular structure.

The Naturopathic Physicians Formulary was established by the Legislative Assembly twenty years ago. The present council membership is comprised of pharmacists, pharmacologists, a medical doctor and two naturopathic physicians who decide what drugs to include, based on natural structure, in the naturopathic formulary. Currently over a thousand drugs from every major therapeutic category are included in the formulary.

The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners has had regulatory authority over the practice of naturopathic medicine since 1927. Naturopathic physicians have had prescribing authority in statute since 1953, when minor surgery was defined in ORS 685.010. Naturopathic physicians are required to take 72 hours of pharmaceutical training as a part of their doctoral degree. Additionally, they must also have 1,500 hours of clinical training. Naturopathic physicians are required to take 25 hours of continuing education course work annually, five of which must be in pharmacology.

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