

Senate Bill 229

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires health benefit plan to cover services provided by naturopath if plan would cover same services provided by physician.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to insurance coverage for services provided by naturopath.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) If a health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743.730 provides for coverage for any service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a naturopath licensed under ORS chapter 685, including prescribing or dispensing drugs, the plan must cover the service whether it is performed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 or by a naturopath licensed under ORS chapter 685.

(2) The provisions of ORS 743A.001 do not apply to this section.

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