



Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee

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In support of HB 2902A: 2013 Regular Session

ORANA supports advanced practice nurses and the role of the nurse practitioner. Nurse practitioners play a critical role in delivering health care to patients in every corner of Oregon. In the face of national health care reform and Oregon's move toward community based care that emphasizes primary and preventive services, our citizens will grow more and more reliant on advanced practice nurses to provide high-quality, cost-effective care. Oregon should act to retain and grow this important workforce.

ORANA supports HB 2902A to the extent that nurse practitioners, who provides a primary care or mental health service to a patient, bills private insurance for the service provided, and bills using his or her own name and own National Provider Identifier (NPI) to be reimbursed at the same rate the insurance company reimburses physicians when physicians provide the same service and bill using the same procedural code. This definition would exclude any billing where a NP bills "incident to" a physician.

Respectfully,

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