



ONA and NPO Urge Your "YES" Vote on SB 533 A-Engrossed

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) and Nurse Practitioners of Oregon (NPO) urge your "YES" vote on SB 533 A-Engrossed.

SB 533 A-Engrossed extends the time that Nurse Practitioners can treat Workers Compensation patients from 90 days to 180 days, and the time that they can authorize time loss from 60 days to 180 days.

The current limits on Nurse Practitioner treatment timelines for injured workers require Nurse Practitioners to transfer patients who need treatment beyond 90 days to a physician. This disrupts continuity of care and can cause a patient to face delays in treatment, increased travel time in areas where a physician isn't easily available, duplication of care, and ultimately setbacks in recovery.

This bill was thoroughly vetted by the Management Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC), and earned unanimous MLAC approval, following MLAC's careful consideration of provider authority issues with the goal of improving access to care for injured workers.

Enabling Nurse Practitioners to treat injured workers for 180 days is consistent with their training and licensure, and will help ensure that injured workers have access to quality care and improved continuity of care.

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