



From the desk of
Rep. Ben Unger

Nurse Practitioners of Oregon

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ONA and NPO Urge Your “YES” Vote on SB 8

The Oregon Nurses Association and Nurse Practitioners of Oregon urge you to support Senate Bill 8.

Senate Bill 8 removes restrictions on Nurse Practitioner dispensing that act as barriers to patients and providers.

Senate Bill 8 would ensure that all Oregon Nurse Practitioners have the same ability to dispense the medications their patients need. The bill removes an outdated requirement that Nurse Practitioners seeking dispensing privileges demonstrate that being able to dispense would correct inadequate access to pharmacy services in their area.

Removing this restriction would benefit many patients of Nurse Practitioners. Patients cared for during extended clinic hours are often seen when pharmacies aren't open and patients may not have transportation that allows them to access a pharmacy, even in urban areas.

Senate Bill 8 keeps in place training requirements for Nurse Practitioners seeking dispensing privileges, as well as oversight and regulatory authority by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Board of Pharmacy.

In the past three years there have been zero complaints related to Nurse Practitioner dispensing.

Please Vote ‘Yes’ on Senate Bill 8.