

TO: Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Oregon Urological Society we urge your support for HB 4014 (Step Therapy Amendment).

All healthcare providers seek administrative simplification such as with the standardized prior authorization issue that was passed last year. The step therapy bill seeks to put control with the healthcare provider (best trained in determining what constitutes failure). It is our understanding that this bill will require the insurer to clearly state their step therapy or fail first policies and make a clear override for the provider easily available.

“This is a good first step to ease the administrative burden on physicians who must increasingly work through red tape to advocate for their patients. It is a first small step. We hope it eventually goes much further in making it easier for physicians to prescribe what they feel is the most cost effective therapy for their patients.” – *Stanley A. Myers, MD (President, Oregon Urological Society)*

Your time and consideration to support House Bill 4014 is truly appreciated.

My best regards,

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