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### Support House Bill 3301-A

In Oregon, naturopathic physicians have the education and scope to provide primary care services to patients. While some insurers credential naturopathic doctors as either primary care providers or specialist, many insurers have universally categorized naturopathic physicians as “specialists” only. This can make it more difficult for patients to see the provider of their choice, and can increase costs for both patients and insurer.

**House Bill 3301 allows a naturopathic physician to apply to be credentialed as a primary care physician so long as that individual meets an insurer’s credentialing criteria, bringing greater consistency to this process across all commercial payers for the benefit of patient access to primary care.**

Naturopathic physicians must attend a four-year accredited graduate level naturopathic medical school and their scope of practice includes -

- Diagnose, prevent and treat diseases;
- Perform physical exams;
- Order x-rays, electrocardiograms, ultrasound, CT, MRIs, and laboratory tests;
- Draw blood and perform CLIA-waived lab tests in-office;
- Perform minor surgery;
- Provide prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care (with additional certification);
- Provide injections including vaccinations and IV medications;
- Prescribe all natural & pharmaceutical medications needed in a primary care setting;
- Are eligible for Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) numbers for Schedules I-IV (authority to prescribe controlled medications).

In addition, House Bill 3301 deletes a prohibition against naturopathic physicians representing themselves as a “specialist” so that naturopaths categorized as such by insurers are not put into conflict with their own licensing board.

This amended bill was developed with input from numerous stakeholders and we respectfully request your support.

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