

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Representative Greenlick,

This email is in regards to house bill 2778. I am writing to you to express my support for this bill.

I am an acupuncturist in the state of Oregon. In the past years I have seen insurance companies use preauthorization programs to limit and deny services to people in need of the care we provide.

*Add an individual story here if you have one to share.*

*Example:*

*As an example: I have a male patient who is 60 years old with degenerative disc disease and spine pain. With my treatments we were able to reduce his pain and develop a home exercise routine. He was able to reduce his use of pain medications. The patient had an exacerbation of pain while working on the floors in his home. The preauthorization program allowed him only insufficient treatment to completely resolve his flare up of pain. They now say that he is unable to receive further treatment since acupuncture was unsuccessful.*

*Because of preauthorization program I was not allowed to create a treatment plan that effectively treated this patient. This is one example of many.*

My concerns with the preauthorization program are the following:

- It creates roadblocks to care for patients
- It requires an added level of administrative work necessary to guarantee payment
- Many acupuncture clinics are small, solo practices that are be overwhelmed by these additional insurance requirements

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will fight for the health care that Oregonians deserve.