

*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 a massage therapist in Portland, Oregon. I have been running my own business for seven years, and the majority of clients I see have insurance coverage for my services.

Pre-authorization programs stand between a client and his or her ability to receive proper care. It is my firm belief that these programs only serve to make it more difficult for people to receive necessary medical treatments.

My clients come and see me primarily for pain relief. Pre-authorization programs work off the idea that all pain is identical, and all clients will improve immediately and then never need treatment again. These programs have no actual understanding of pain treatment, or how two people with similar pain may require vastly different treatment plans. They exist only to provide insurance companies with justification for denying medical services.

Sincerely,

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