

*Testimony submitted via email.*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am voicing my support for House Bill 2778 due to the ridiculous hoops that now have to be jumped through to get pre-authorization for even minimal chiropractic care. Although this is touted as a fraud and over-utilization measure, it is clearly a cost containment and profit margin booster for the insurance companies. They promote their insurance products to their customers as including good alternative care benefits, such as chiropractic, acupuncture, massage, etc., then turn around and progressively raise their premiums and co-pays while severely restricting the number of treatments covered or requiring pre-authorization through an onerous and time-consuming process that delays and severely compromises the health care practitioner's ability to provide adequate treatment to resolve a condition.

I've been in practice over 40 years now and I've never seen anything so ridiculous and restrictive as what insurance companies are now implementing under the guise of curbing the rising cost of healthcare.

The government is now mandating the utilization of alternative methods of care in lieu of prescribing opioids and other addictive drugs to stem our current societal opioid epidemic that is skyrocketing healthcare costs. So, why don't insurance companies acknowledge this trend and strive to make it easier for patients to obtain alternative care instead of increasing the barriers to it?

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