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As an osteopathic physician specializing in neuromusculoskeletal medicine / osteopathic manipulation for the past 25 years I feel honored and privileged to have been able to help so many patients recover from acute injuries and chronic pain. I do occasionally use narcotic medication but more often I help my patient to wean off of chronic medications. During the 30-60 minutes that we spend together while I treat them using osteopathic manipulations I help them to develop better coping mechanisms, healthier lifestyle choices, exercise and weight loss plans. Over the years there have been multiple battles regarding our fees and reimbursements specifically related to the combined charge of an office visit with manipulation. Having been recently injured myself and had a variety of medical care it seems absurd that physical therapist consistently make more money for the half hour that they spend with me than I do for the same amount of time. Please help us to help keep us in business so that we can help keep the population of Oregon healthy and reduce the amount of narcotic abuse.