

# House Bill 3400

Sponsored by Representative MALSTROM

## SUMMARY

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Limits requirements and standards insurer may establish for credentialing naturopathic physicians.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to naturopathic physicians; creating new provisions; amending ORS 743B.407; and pre-  
3 scribing an effective date.

4 Whereas naturopathic physicians play an important role in the modern primary care workforce  
5 in Oregon; and

6 Whereas naturopathic physicians play a role on the health care provider teams in modern pri-  
7 mary care clinical settings equivalent to physicians and should be entitled to equivalent compen-  
8 sation for their professional services; and

9 Whereas naturopathic physicians often experience discrimination and arbitrary standards set by  
10 insurers in credentialing; and

11 Whereas eliminating discrimination would result in increased access to primary care, improved  
12 patient health outcomes and decreased costs to patients and to the Oregon health care system; now,  
13 therefore,

14 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

15 **SECTION 1.** ORS 743B.407 is amended to read:

16 743B.407. (1) An insurer shall provide a naturopathic physician the choice of applying to be  
17 credentialed by the insurer as a primary care provider or as a specialty care provider.

18 (2) To be credentialed by an insurer as a primary care provider, a naturopathic physician must  
19 meet the credentialing requirements as established by the insurer.

20 (3)(a) **An insurer may require that, to be credentialed by the insurer, a naturopathic**  
21 **physician provide proof of completion of the minimum educational requirements described in**  
22 **ORS 685.060 and proof of active licensure under ORS chapter 685.**

23 (b) **An insurer may establish additional quality standards for credentialing naturopathic**  
24 **physicians that are based solely on the standards that the insurer uses for the credentialing**  
25 **of other health care practitioners.**

26 (c) **An insurer may not require a naturopathic physician to complete additional training**  
27 **for credentialing.**

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act applies to contracts entered into, renewed or ex-  
29 tended on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.

30 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017  
31 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
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