

HB 4107 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Heard, Rep. Malstrom

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/12/18
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 8-3-0-0
Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Buehler, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse
Nays: 3 - Greenlick, Salinas, Vial
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires insurance carriers to reimburse osteopathic physicians for osteopathic evaluation and manipulative treatment when services are provided on the same day and determined medically necessary by the physician.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examination, diagnostic, and treatment decisions by osteopath physicians (OPs)
- Impact of insurance coding on diagnostic versus treatment services
- Insurers' denial of claims for evaluation and treatment during same visit to OPs
- Cost burden of evaluations on providers and denial of payments by insurers
- Osteopathic manipulative treatment as clinical alternative to pain medication and opioid use

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) states that health care practitioners use a variety of complementary health approaches in providing patient care including performing hands-on therapy, called adjustments (manipulations) to the spine or other parts of the body. The goal of chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation is to correct alignment problems, alleviate pain, improve functioning, and support the body's natural ability to heal itself. Results from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) indicate that 8.4 percent of U.S. adults (19.4 million) used chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation; the fourth most common use of complementary health approaches by Americans.

House Bill 4107 requires insurance carriers that offer health plans in Oregon's individual and group market to reimburse osteopathic physicians for manipulative treatments determined medically necessary. The requirement is limited to health plans that already reimburse for the cost of an evaluation by an osteopathic physician.