

SB 734-1  
(LC 2347)  
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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of the Oregon Association  
of Naturopathic Physicians)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 734**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 23 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Health benefit plan’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
4 **743B.005.**

5 **“(b) ‘Independent practice’ means the naturopathic physician bills**  
6 **insurers for services provided by the naturopathic physician using the:**

7 **“(A) Diagnosis and procedure codes applicable to the services;**

8 **“(B) Naturopathic physician’s own name; and**

9 **“(C) Naturopathic physician’s national provider identifier.**

10 **“(c) ‘Naturopathic physician’ has the meaning given that term in**  
11 **ORS 685.010.**

12 **“(d) ‘Physician’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 677.010.**

13 **“(2) An individual or group health benefit plan that reimburses the**  
14 **cost of a service provided by a physician shall reimburse the cost of**  
15 **the same service provided by a naturopathic physician if the service**  
16 **is within the scope of practice of the naturopathic physician.**

17 **“(3) An individual or group health benefit plan shall reimburse the**  
18 **cost of a service provided by a naturopathic physician who is in an**  
19 **independent practice in the same amount and using the same payment**  
20 **methodology as the reimbursement paid under the plan to a physician**  
21 **providing the service in the same setting and geographic area.**

1       **“(4) An insurer may not reduce the reimbursement paid to a phy-**  
2       **sician in order to comply with this section.**

3       **“(5) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.”.**

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