

Below are my comments for consideration by the Oregon Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care for the June 21, 2022 meeting:

I support a universal health care plan for All Oregonians.

All Oregonians should have access to affordable, high quality health care.

All Oregonians should have the right to choose their health care providers, especially primary care providers, without financial or other bias from their health care plan.

Many Oregonians, like me, utilize (and have insurance coverage for) naturopathic physicians as primary care providers. Licensed naturopathic physicians should be covered as primary care providers, without financial or other bias, under any equitable universal health care plan.

Patients, regardless of age or life stage, should be able to access the services of their primary care physician of choice without losing their insurance benefits.

Other "alternative" services provided by licensed chiropractic and acupuncture providers should also be available in the universal health plan.

Thank you for your work to provide affordable Universal Health Care for All Oregonians and for the opportunity to comment regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,
Sharon Birrel