

Re: SB772, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate Health Care Committee, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Peggy Naumann. I have been a patient of Naturopathic Doctor Edythe Vickers for more than 30 years. I am also your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support SB772.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care for my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support, and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

My ND has managed many of my healthcare needs whether it be infections, lab orders, health screenings, or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me far better than most other medical professionals about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep, and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health, and I have never felt better.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon, NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access this unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

I am asking you to vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Peggy Naumann, LMT