

To Whom it may concern,

Insurance companies currently reimburse NDs as little as 20% and up to about 60% of the amount that MDs, DO, NPs, DNPs, and PAs are reimbursed for billing the exact same codes and providing the exact same services.

I currently see a naturopathic doctor who has diagnosed and treated a vitamin D and vitamin B12 deficiency that was causing me extreme fatigue. I believe the naturopath's approach (to test my blood and encourage positive life changes) actually saves the insurance company money in the long run and promotes the healthiest life for me.

Please consider a change in stance on this and also consider the naturopathic doctors who are pursuing their careers of helping people but also need to survive in a business sense.

Thank you,

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