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CHIROPRACTIC
ASSOCIATION

Representative Rachel Prusak
Chairwoman, House Health Committee

RE: **HB-2517**

The Oregon Chiropractic Association urges your support for HB-2517. This proposed legislation will help reduce the administrative burden placed on the staff of chiropractic offices relative to utilization management. This legislation will help reduce the confusion and delay that can be associated with the pre-authorization process and by so doing, reduce administrative costs while at the same time reducing the period patients with back and spinal pain must wait to receive needed care and thereby improve patient outcomes.

This proposed legislation will serve to reduce administrative burden on patients and chiropractic physicians. By requiring a process for electronic submission for authorization, clarify necessary information needed for submission of a complete utilization management request, specify health service authorizations by insurers and health plans are valid for at least 60 days, and for chronic disease treatments, 12 months.

HB-2517 is designed to improve transparency and navigation through the administrative process by, 1. Ensuring chiropractic physicians and all health care providers receive a clear reason for any denied request. 2. Require insurers to provide notification of changes to utilization management within a reasonable period.

Sincerely,

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