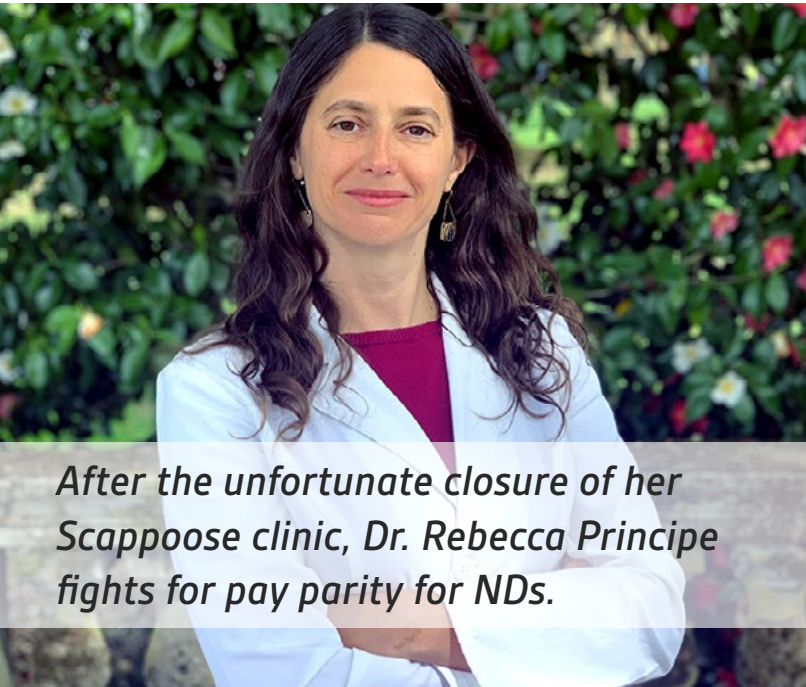


ND Fair Pay Will Go a Long Way



After the unfortunate closure of her Scappoose clinic, Dr. Rebecca Principe fights for pay parity for NDs.

Oregon

- Needs primary care and behavioral health providers
- Invests more than \$100 million on provider incentives for patient access to care
- PEBB/OEBB is paying naturopathic physicians as little as 50%

Many clinics of naturopathic physicians (NDs) are small businesses that struggle to serve their patients because health insurers—including PEBB and OEBB—pay NDs as little as half, some insurers even less, for the same services. These predatory practices force doctors like Dr. Principe to close their practice—even while Oregon spends \$50 million/year trying to address its shortage of healthcare workers. When insurance inequity closes a clinic, patients lose their trusted provider. Oregon loses a small business, and healthcare access for Oregonians is reduced.

Fixing this problem comes at an incremental cost to the state of ~0.1% increase in plan expenditures. This is a small price to pay for fair market rates for Oregon's NDs. HB 4006 provides NDs fair pay from insurers. Patients maintain access to 1,088 licensed Oregon doctors. Small businesses can stay open. And large clinics dependent on insurance payments can safely hire NDs into open jobs. **Support maximizing Oregon's healthcare workforce. Support small businesses. Support patient choice.**

YES on HB 4006!

Fair pay



Sustains 1,088 doctors already trained and licensed



Enables employers to hire naturopathic physicians



Increases patient access to care in rural and underserved communities



Protects patient choice for all Oregonians



Supports culturally appropriate healthcare



Bolsters Oregon small businesses and jobs



Resolves a long standing health care inequity

YES on HB 4006!

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