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Physician Assistants Ask You To Support HB 3412-A to Improve Oregon's Workers' Compensation System

As trusted, rigorously educated and trained health care professionals, PAs are a vital resource that are already being utilized to serve injured workers through workers' compensation, and by expanding the amount of time that PAs can see these patients, the legislature can help alleviate some of the challenges that exist in our workers' compensation system for patients to receive high quality treatment in a timely manner. This bill will help ensure continuity of care for the patients and workers PAs serve all across Oregon – particularly in Oregon's most rural and underserved communities.

House Bill 3412-A will improve Oregon's workers' compensation system by:

- **Extending the length of time a PA may be primarily responsible for a workers' compensation patient from 60 days to 180 days**, which is long enough to treat the majority of workers' compensation cases.
- **Creating parity between Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants for workers' compensation cases**, allowing PAs to address workforce shortfalls in areas with a lack of providers.
- **Modernizing the way that PAs provide care to injured workers in the workers' compensation system**, removing barriers to care for injured workers.

We urge your support of HB 3412-A to ensure that Physician Assistants are able to provide the highest quality care possible by improving Oregon's workers' compensation system.