

Please help NDs afford to take Insurance

Naturopathic Doctors (ND) are working again to ask legislature for help holding insurance companies accountable. Across the board insurance pays NDs around 50% less than other provider types for the same level of service. I have tried working with them to negotiate higher rates but they refuse to pay us the same as other providers. This practice is putting NDs out of business or forcing them to switch away from primary care into specialties that can charge more for services. I was forced last year to make the decision to go out of network with insurance in order to pay my staff a living wage. Newer graduates are struggling to make a living with the rates insurance pay us. If you value your ability to see a ND as your primary care provider, please take the time to write a letter to the legislature and contact your representatives.

I have used a naturopathic Doctor for years. She is the only one to figure out some problems my other Doctors have missed. My sister was going to have a large part of her intestines taken out and have a colostomy bag added. After going to the naturopathic Doctor, she found out about a severe food intolerance. She delayed the surgery and did what the Naturopathic Doctor recommended and when she went to have the surgery, the doctors said they were amazed at the recovery and only took 3 inches of her intestines and NO colostomy bag. Naturopathic Doctors deserve to be treated the same as all Doctors by the Insurance companies. I have a higher regard and success from my many health issues, from my Naturopathic Doctor than some of my regular Physicians. Please help pass this Bill.

Sincerely,

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