

Subject: Support HB3439 for Fair Pay and Access to Naturopathic Care

To whom this may concern,

As a patient who relies on naturopathic medicine for my primary healthcare, I deeply value the comprehensive and preventive care my naturopathic physician provides. Their integrative approach has been essential in maintaining my health and preventing more serious medical issues.

However, the lack of equitable reimbursement for naturopathic physicians under Oregon's Medicaid system puts my access to this trusted care at risk. Despite offering the same level of primary care as other providers, they are not compensated fairly, which threatens the sustainability of their services.

HB3439 is crucial to ensuring that patients like me can continue receiving high-quality, patient-centered care. By establishing pay parity, this bill will help preserve access to vital healthcare services, improve health outcomes, and reduce overall costs by emphasizing prevention.

I strongly urge you to support HB3439 to protect patient choice, strengthen healthcare access, and ensure fairness in provider compensation. Thank you for your time and dedication to improving healthcare in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Heather Wilhelm