

Submitter: Sara Dryden  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chairman Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

My name is Sara Dryden, and I am a LCSW in the state of Oregon. I have been licensed for 11 years and practicing individual psychotherapy which submits claims to health insurers for 4 years.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029. Insurance audits are unfair and are a misuse of power by the health care industry. Use of audits limits access to care to the people of Oregon. More and more of my colleagues are moving away from insurance contracting panels and choose to only accept out-of-pocket reimbursement for their services due to the fact that the health care industry creates barriers to compensation, and essentially repels and detracts providers from offering insurance based services due to their auditing practices. Please help stop this practice.

I strongly believe that access to quality mental health care through medical insurance is a right that our citizens should have in order to support their well-being and functioning as community members. I do not want to be driven away from insurance panels due to fear of audits and unnecessary hoops that insurers demand. I appreciate your support on this bill and your commitment to the well-being of all constituents.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,  
Sara Dryden, LCSW ORL6150