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We are all now living in and adjusting to the world of artificial intelligence, which is filled with algorithms designed to increase profits of already wealthy corporations. We cannot as a society allow AI to take over doctor-patient decision making. Automatic downcoding is a perversion of our healthcare system. See link from NBC news article describing the problem: <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-care/guilty-proven-innocent-fight-doctors-insurance-companies-downcoding-rcna230714>

Our Oregon laws require clinical review before denying care. See language of ORS 743A.168 (as it applies to Behavioral Health care):

"For medical necessity, utilization or other clinical review conducted for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of behavioral health conditions that does not involve level of care placement decisions, other criteria and guidelines may be utilized if such criteria and guidelines are based on the current generally accepted standards of care including valid, evidence-based sources and current treatment criteria or practice guidelines developed by the nonprofit professional association for the relevant clinical specialty."

Our laws do not support insurance companies denying services based on algorithms applied to how these services are billed--robbing providers before any clinical review takes place.

Please support HB 4054 and allow healthcare decisions to be made by doctors, not AI robotics.