

I am a Stratford-based patient of a Connecticut naturopathic physician (ND). I would like NDs in Connecticut to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training. Many other states already allow NDs this prescriptive authority.

Prescriptive authority would benefit me because I will have the best of both worlds, a natural medicine approach combined with conservative medication therapy when needed, both from my ND. I would not have to bounce back and forth between an MD and my ND. While many MDs willing to work collaboratively with NDs, many are not, so I would be able to avoid that issue. NDs are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and other states have had prescriptive authority for years...so why not here?

I believe NDs are more than competent and well-trained to offer a medication prescriptive service. I humbly ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians.

Thank you for listening and for all the hard work you do in Hartford on behalf of Connecticut's residents of all ages.

All the best,
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