

Re: HB 6797

I have been a patient of a naturopathic physician for many years. I believe in the naturopathic medical approach because it makes common sense. You hear of the symptom - you diagnose the cause - and you FIX the problem, you don't just hide it with taking too many drugs that are not needed while the symptom just keeps growing till it is too late.

I would like my ND and other NDs in Connecticut to be able to have medication prescriptive authority. It is consistent with the training they receive and when used properly - works.

I ask you to allow naturopathic physicians (NDs) the same prescriptive authority consistent with many other states that license NDs.

Allowing my ND to have prescriptive authority would be a large benefit for me. At this time I have to go to an MD to get my prescriptions renewed while I see my ND more often because he is really taking the time to find the root cause of what my symptoms are. NDs are extensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and in other states have had the prescriptive authority for years - so why not here in Connecticut?

To sum it up - this would be more efficient and cost effective!

So once I ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs).

Thank you,

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