

For Bill No. 6797

I am a patient of a naturopathic physician. I believe in and like the naturopathic medical approach and would like my ND, and other NDs, to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training.

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

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?

In the end, I would be better served as I would have the ability to receive many more primary care services from my ND which I would very much appreciate as it saves me time, money, hassle and it is more efficient.

Over the past year my ND has picked up on many things that my MD has not, we have addressed them and corrected them. I was diagnosed 18 years ago with a disease (AS) and have been treated with many medications over the years. A year ago I went to an ND and one of the first things I was told was she did not believe I had AS. Well she was right I have recently had that confirmed by two neurosurgeons.

Once again, I ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs).

Thank you.

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