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HB935 will ensure patient access to needed care and allow the ability to seek care from the provider of their choice. HB 935 will bar group health plans and health insurance carriers from discriminating with regard to participation and reimbursement under a plan or coverage, against any health provider that acts within their scope of license or certification under state law. This legislation ensures patients have access to the full range of providers licensed and certified in this State. HB935 is enacting and enforcement of the nondiscrimination protections in Section 2706 of the federal Public Health Service Act.



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One of the key strengths of the American health care system is the diversity and distribution of our high-quality health care professionals. Too often, though, health insurers seek to suppress subscriber utilization of needed care by limiting patient access to covered services provided by entire categories of high-quality licensed and certified health care professionals who are working within their scope of practice. This bill would help consumers by ensuring that insurers cannot discriminate against licensed providers by adding unnecessary barriers to access to care based on licensure. We believe that this provision is a necessary part of striking an important balance between patients, providers, and insurers, and is a key component of ensuring that patients have access to the care they need, when and where they need it – no matter where they live.



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I am Opposed to this Bill and Legislation for "Special-Interest." This is a Private Medical Plan Insurance Matter and the State has No right to pass a Law interfering in a Private Business and Relationship Matter.



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The Missouri Psychological Association appreciates the hard work and effort by Representative Schnelting in sponsoring HB 935, but stands in opposition to the bill as it currently stands. Our understanding is that a lobbyist in support of the bill has suggested that the bill is supported by the American Psychological Association. This is not currently the case and for the reasons that we will explain below. Contained in the bill is a sentence from the Affordable Care Act, that was the basis of this bill, that reads: (2) All health care providers shall be reimbursed at the same rate for the same service as long as such service is within the provider's scope of practice. But left out was another line from the Affordable Care that reads: Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing a group health plan, a health insurance issuer, or the Secretary from establishing varying reimbursement rates based on quality or performance measures. Without the addition of this second statement, this bill undermines the differences that exists in reimbursement between behavioral health providers based on education, supervision, and training. Although the scope of practice of bachelor's and Master's level providers is more limited, they have overlapping scopes of practice with doctoral level psychologists as well as with certain billing codes used by psychiatrists. This is not too surprising. Don't LPNs have overlapping scopes of practice with physicians? Reimbursing all providers at the same rate regardless of education and training ultimately have an adverse effect on our system of healthcare delivery. Insurance companies will not award doctoral level pay to those with less education. Instead they would simply drop the doctoral level rate. Missouri has serious mental health and behavioral health access issues. While psychologists and psychiatrists are our best experts in behavioral health, HB 935, as it stands, could end any real motivation to provide accept payment from certain insurance companies. This is a problem in the healthcare community already for some insurances. It would also end any motivation to seek an advanced degree in behavioral health. Overtime there would be very little motivation for licensed psychologists to remain in Missouri. Psychologists who work in the St. Louis area or in Kansas City could simply look for work across their borders. This is not unusual in the Kansas City area already. Our understanding is that an amendment to the bill would add the second sentence from the Affordable Care referred to above: Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing a group health plan, a health insurance issuer, or the Secretary from establishing varying reimbursement rates based on quality or performance measures. If this was the case, we would not longer be in opposition. The bill would better represent the language that was supported by the American Psychological Association in the past.



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