



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in Support of this Bill and Stand Boldly that NO Discrimination shall be allowed or tolerated in Participation of Health Care Insurance Plans.



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To the Health and Mental Health Policy Committee: I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2733, also known as the "Patients First Act." This crucial bill, sponsored by Smith (155), aims to ensure fair and equal treatment for healthcare providers participating in health insurance plans. HB 2733 prohibits group health plans and health insurance issuers from discriminating against healthcare providers who are acting within the scope of their license or certificate. It is unjust to penalize healthcare providers based on their licensure when it comes to reimbursement or participation in any plan or insurance program. One of the key provisions of this bill is that it requires healthcare providers to be reimbursed at the same rate for the same service, as long as the service falls within their scope of practice. This provision not only promotes fairness, but it also ensures that patients have access to a wide range of healthcare providers who can deliver quality care. It is worth noting that HB 2733 shares similarities with HB 935 (2023), emphasizing the importance of addressing this issue and providing equal opportunities for healthcare providers across the board. By passing HB 2733, we can take a significant step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable healthcare system. This bill will protect healthcare providers from discrimination and ensure that they are fairly compensated for their services, regardless of their licensure. I urge you to support and vote in favor of HB 2733. Let us stand together in promoting fairness and equality in healthcare and prioritize the well-being of both healthcare providers and patients. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Felicia D Hampton



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The Missouri Optometric Association is in favor of HB2733. 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. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) contained language that sought to address these concerns by preventing plans from discriminating against whole classes of health care providers acting within their state scope of practice (42 USC 300gg-5(a)). This federal provider nondiscrimination law is aimed at empowering consumers with a greater ability to seek care from the provider of their choice and safeguarding patient access to covered health services from the range of providers licensed and certified to provide such services by their respective states. This provision 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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