

HB 1416 Support

Dear Madam Chair Lee, Vice Chairman Cleary and members of the Senate Human Services Committee

I am writing to share my support for HB 1416 and hope that you will vote in favor of HB 1416.

HB 1416 gives patients the freedom to choose their health care provider by guaranteeing medical providers have the opportunity to negotiate inclusion in health insurance networks.

HB 1416 opens choice for more than just doctors. It will expand choice to physicians, surgeons, specialty physicians, dieticians, physical and occupational health, optometrist, ophthalmologists, chiropractors, nurse practitioners, mental health providers, and more.

HB 1416 lowers patient costs and travel and will allow access to lower cost providers.

Just last week, one of our staff mothers wanted to have her surgery with us, but since she is in a narrow network plan, they were not able to have surgery with us without paying the high out of network costs. She was forced to have schedule surgery with a surgeon she doesn't know, and who does not have the same experience with the technology that we have. It is unfortunate for the patient to have to compromise on what she wants due to her insurance plan.

Thank you for your time

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