

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: 3/9/2021

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB136

Specific Issue: Support and suggested changes to bill

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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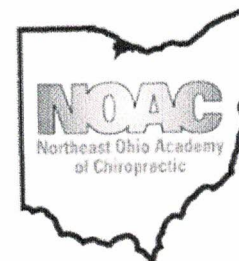
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Please provide a brief statement on your position:

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Representative P. Scott Lipps
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Re: HB 136

Dear Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo and Members of the Healthcare Committee:

The Northeast Ohio Academy of Chiropractic (NOAC) is a 501c 6 regional association that represents chiropractic physicians. We applaud you for assembling and introducing HB 136 especially regarding evaluation and management services and the location of services. As a stakeholder for this bill, NOAC would like to share our perspective with you.

We urge you to vote yes for this bill. You are directly deciding where Medicaid recipients go to get their healthcare. Voting yes means more people will get treatment for their neuro-musculoskeletal problems by a chiropractic physician that has confidence and skill in conservative treatment measures. This will allow existing offices in urban/rural areas to remain where they are. The bill does not go far enough to allow chiropractic physicians to set up new offices in urban/rural areas or to be hired except in rare cases by hospitals or medical groups. Only reimbursing chiropractic physicians for their full scope of practice in Medicaid like all other healthcare professions (MD/DO, NP, PA, PT, OT etc.) would allow that. We urge you to add this to the bill.

A higher supply of DCs appears to offset patients' demand for primary care physician services for their back and neck pain. This also reduces the number of opioid prescriptions that physicians write.

Ohio Medicaid beneficiaries in 2015 received an opioid prescription in more than 50 percent of all low back pain episodes."

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Providers/PaymentInnovation/DEF/LBP.pdf>

We want to ensure that the patient seeking care with a chiropractic physician would receive the same level of coverage as they would with any provider.

We appreciate your consideration to listen to different views to make this bill work for all concerned.

Sincerely,


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