

SB 550-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL ***550-FN***

AN ACT relative to insurance coverage for services provided by naturopathy providers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. Lundgren, Rock. 16

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill requires group insurance policies issued in the state to include coverage for naturopathy providers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to insurance coverage for services provided by naturopathy providers.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Naturopathy Providers; Payment for Equivalent Types of Services; Group. Amend RSA
2 415:18-w to read as follows:

3 415:18-w Naturopathy Providers; Payment for Equivalent Types of Services; Group. Each
4 insurer that issues or renews any policy of group or blanket accident or health insurance providing
5 benefits for medical or hospital expenses ~~may~~ **shall** provide to each group, or to the portion of each
6 group comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state, coverage for
7 expenses arising from a health service performed by a doctor of naturopathic medicine licensed
8 under RSA 328-E if that particular type of service is within the scope of practice of such doctor and if
9 the insurer would reimburse for that type of service when performed by any other type of health care
10 provider. Such coverage, if provided, shall be subject to each insurer's standards and mechanisms
11 for determining medical necessity, for credentialing pursuant to RSA 420-J:4, and for contracting
12 pursuant to RSA 420-J:8. Any such benefits provided shall not be subject to any greater co-payment,
13 deductible, or coinsurance than any other similar benefits provided by the insurer.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

SB 550-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1702h)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Increase (not provided by agency)	Indeterminable Increase (not provided by agency)	Indeterminable Increase (not provided by agency)
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	General Fund			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires group insurance policies issued or renewed in the state to provide coverage for health services performed by a licensed doctor of naturopathic medicine when the insurer would reimburse for the same type of service if performed by another health care provider. The bill prohibits insurers from applying higher co-payments, deductibles, or coinsurance to such services.

The Insurance Department states this bill may increase total claim expenditures by a small amount due to increasing the number of providers eligible to perform covered services. The Department notes this may also result in increased insurance premiums; however, the extent of any increase is indeterminable. The Department assumes any increase would be small because health carriers retain the authority to apply standards for medical necessity, credentialing, and

contracting and are not required to cover any specific items or services that are not already covered under the plan. To the extent counties and municipalities purchase health insurance, they could see an increase in their health insurance premiums.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Insurance Department