

I am writing in support of H.766. For background, I hold a medical license. From 1998-99 I was the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Renal Disease Management, Inc (RDM). I have trained at least 8 advance practice nurses and dozens of nephrologists (kidney specialists). I have been active in national and international health care policy.

I cannot assure anyone that passage of this bill will not increase insurance premiums, as argued by insurance companies. It may reduce costs because administrative burdens for medical practices as well as insurance companies will be decreased. Whether those savings are passed down as savings or consumed as profits is up to those entities. What passage of H.766 will do is allow more time for practices to spend with patients and more rapid utilization of new resources to improve healthcare. That is a definite. I do not think waste and unnecessary therapies will dominate.

I write that with knowledge of how insurance works, from my years as the CMO of RDM, as noted above. I encourage passage of the bill. You as consumers of healthcare will benefit, even if the worst case scenario plays out and premiums do rise. They will rise because we utilized resources that the prescriber felt that you needed for better care. I trust the providers and so should you.

Thank you for your consideration.