

April 11th, 2024

To: Senator Ginny Lyons, Chair

Cc: Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

The Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians (VANP) has been following H.766 - An Act Relating to Prior Authorization and Step Therapy Requirements, Health Insurance Claims, and Provider Contracts.

The VANP is in support of the provisions within the draft as passed by the House. We particularly appreciate the emphasis on reducing administrative burdens for providers. As we are sure you are aware, the bill appears to attempt to streamline the process for ordering key tests and removing administrative barriers to prescribing medication for patients. By making the process of evaluating and treating our patients more efficient, one can expect this would improve outcomes and lower healthcare spend overall.

We thank you for all your hard work and service. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Yours in Health,

Steven M. Moore, ND Legislative Chair, VANP