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Re: HB 122

For over twenty years, I visited doctors in an attempt to find an issue that I have been living with since my teens. Approximately ten years ago, I began experiencing "anxiety attacks" in which my heart rate shot up and blood pressure was off the charts. Upon the last visit to the Emergency Room, I was referred to a doctor. She put me on blood pressure medication as well as prescribed me nitrous in case of a heart attack. I was 34-35 years old at that time and my heart had not been tested, though later it was and is strong and healthy. I knew there was nothing amiss with my heart, yet followed the doctor's orders with the medication and saw an Internist. The Internist scoffed at me and that was the end of that. After another month or so of the same issues continuing and the inability of the first doctor to examine any underlying issues, I sought out a Naturopath. Within a week, my issue was diagnosed and 6 weeks later I was "anxiety attack" free and on the way to better health. These symptoms which put me in E.R. more than once, were due to food allergies as well as Hoshimoto's Thyroiditis.

Since diagnosis, I have kept in contact with my Naturopath and have stayed out of the emergency room! This, alone, saved me and insurance carriers thousands of dollars, and possibly if not assuredly, saved my life. The quality of life I have lead since the diagnosis has been so much better than the first years of my life.

In my experience, the Naturopathic Physician seems concerned with the health of his or her patients over all else. The Naturopathic Physician spends time with the patient getting to know them and rapport is built with each and every one. There is too much truth in what the Naturopathic Physician does to continue ignoring their positive influence in people's life and health, as well as the communities involved.

As a constituent, I would appreciate a vote to move this through in a timely manner, thus expanding the abilities of the Naturopathic Physician.

Thank you.
Jeri Attwood