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Explanation of Changes CS for SB 44 Naturopathy (version B to version S)

Page 2, lines 23-24: re: Advisory Board composition

The Advisory Board composition was changed to be comprised of 2 NDs, 1 pharmacist, 1 MD or OD and 1 public member. (Reduced public members from 2 to 1, reduced NDs from 3 to 2, and added 1 pharmacist and 1 MD or OD.)

Page 4, line 4: re: externship

Removes the externship program requirement for Naturopath licensure. The term is confusing and unnecessary. Other medical providers with the level of authority the NDs are requesting are not required to match or emulate the MD and OD internship process. The training for NPs is most commensurate with that of NDs having similar clinical hours, and neither have a required residency.

Page 6, line 13: re: vaccines

Added vaccines to the list of services that a licensed naturopath may provide.

Page 6, line 19:

Deletion of the word "surgical" to clarify this sentence which only means that a licensed naturopath may treat superficial lacerations, abrasions and lesions. The word "surgical" can be mistaken to infer procedures that they are not seeking to perform.

Page 6, line 26:

Replaces the word "ultrasound" with the word "imaging." There are several types of imaging that a naturopath may wish to order if necessary. Other types of imaging could be an X-ray, MRI, CT scan, ultrasound, EKG, and other tests to assist with correct patient diagnosis.

Page 6, line 30:

Replaces the word "ultrasound" with the word "imaging." There are several types of imaging that a naturopath may wish to order if necessary to assist with correct patient diagnosis.

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