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 SENATE FINANCE
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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/27/04

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DATE TURNED
 IN TO OFFICE: 4/28/04

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 306

SB 306 NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 306 (FIN)
- adopt previous _____ CS CS FORTHCOMING (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:
 Same Title
 New Title

House Bill:
 Same Title
 Technical Title Change
 New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero.	FN#
DCED	4/28/04			✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
<i>Frank Hoff</i>	✓			
<i>John Hoff</i>			✓	
<i>Michael Hoff</i>			✓	
<i>St. B. Bende</i>				✓
<i>Don Stuenkel</i>	+			
COCHAIR:				
COCHAIR: <i>Samuel</i>	X			

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSSB 306(FIN)
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
Title Naturopathic Medicine RDU Occupational Licensing (117)
Component Occupational Licensing
Sponsor Senators Seekins, Dyson, Green
Requester Senate Finance Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSSB 306(FIN) makes amendments to the Naturopathic licensing statutes. Section 9 provides for the creation of an annual naturopathic peer review committee on which committee members serve without compensation for their work. Therefore, no new funds are required to implement the changes in this bill.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone (907) 465-2144
Division Occupational Licensing Date/Time 4/28/04 2:55 PM
Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 4/28/2004
Agency Department of Community and Economic Development

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4/27/2005 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 306		
Amendment	#2		
Motion	to adopt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Wilken		
<u>Objection by</u>			
<u>Removed</u>	No objection		
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Olson			
Senator Stevens			
Senator Bunde			
Senator Dyson			
Co-Chair Green			
Co-Chair Wilken			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	ADOPTED		

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two-way conference
or teleconference

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Attention: Traci
Of Senator Green's office
RE: CS SB 306 (FIN)
Date: 4/28/04 Time: 8:30am

The attached Senate Finance CS incorporates the amendment(s) your boss sponsored. Please review and approve so the bill can be forwarded to the Senate Secretary.

The CS is your copy.

Thanks,
Senate Finance Secretary
Mindy #4935
Robin #2618

*Conceptual
Amendment
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Approved: _____
(please initial)

*per
Traci*

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*As... check #3 too
Traci missed it*

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OK JP*

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 306(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS SEEKINS, Dyson, Green

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 08.01.010(26) is amended to read:

5 (26) regulation of the practice of naturopathic medicine
6 [NATUROPATHY] under AS 08.45;

7 *** Sec. 2.** AS 08.45.010 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 08.45.010. Practice of naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY]**
9 **without license prohibited. A person who does not hold a license issued under this**
10 **chapter may not**

11 (1) practice naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY] in the state;

12 **or**

13 (2) use any of the following titles: "doctor of naturopathy,"
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5 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.45.030 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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9 (2) documentation satisfactory to the division that the applicant

10 (A) is a graduate of an approved naturopathic medical college
11 or program; and

12 (B) has passed the naturopathic physicians licensing
13 examination approved by the division with a score that meets the requirements
14 established in regulation; and

15 (3) all applicable fees.

16 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.45.050 is repealed and reenacted to read:

17 **Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathic medicine.** (a) A
18 person who practices naturopathic medicine may not engage in surgery except that a
19 person who practices naturopathic medicine may perform minor surgery under
20 AS 08.45.120(a)(6).

21 (b) Notwithstanding that a specific act is within the definition of "naturopathic
22 medicine" or is described as an activity authorized under AS 08.45.120, a person
23 licensed under this chapter may not perform the act if the person lacks appropriate
24 education or training related to the act.

25 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.45.060 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 08.45.060. Grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue a**
27 **license.** The division may **deny a license to an applicant under this chapter or,**
28 after a hearing, impose a disciplinary sanction **authorized under AS 08.45.070** on a
29 person licensed under this chapter when the division finds that the **applicant or**
30 licensee

31 (1) **secured, or attempted to secure,** a license through deceit, fraud, or

1 intentional misrepresentation;

2 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the
3 course of providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

4 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

5 (4) has been convicted of a felony or other crime that affects the
6 applicant's or licensee's ability [TO CONTINUE] to practice competently and safely;

7 (5) failed to comply with this chapter, with a regulation adopted under
8 this chapter, or with an order of the division;

9 (6) is [CONTINUED TO PRACTICE AFTER BECOMING] unfit to
10 practice naturopathic medicine due to

11 (A) professional incompetence;

12 (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or a drug that
13 impairs the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice safely; or

14 (C) physical or mental disability; or

15 (7) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with the
16 delivery of professional service to patients.

17 * Sec. 7. AS 08.45 070(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) When it finds that a licensee under this chapter has violated AS 08.45.050
19 or 08.45.120 [AS 08.45.040 - 08.45.050] or is guilty of an offense under
20 AS 08.45.060, the division may impose the following sanctions singly or in
21 combination:

22 (1) permanently revoke the license to practice;

23 (2) suspend the license for a determinate period of time;

24 (3) censure the licensee;

25 (4) issue a letter of reprimand to the licensee;

26 (5) place the licensee on probationary status and require the licensee to

27 (A) report regularly to the division upon matters involving the
28 basis of probation;

29 (B) limit practice to those areas prescribed;

30 (C) continue professional education until a satisfactory degree
31 of skill has been attained in areas determined by the division to need

1 improvement;

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28 chapter. Attendance and participation at meetings of the committee may be by
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30 make written recommendations to the division as to whether grounds for disciplinary
31 action exist under AS 08.45.060 and as to appropriate disciplinary sanctions under

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Language
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1 AS 08.45.070 in each case under review. If the division approves the
 2 recommendations of the committee, the licensee may either accept the
 3 recommendations of the committee or request a hearing before the division.

4 * **Sec. 10.** AS 08.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Sec. 08.45.110. Continuing education requirement.** Before a license may
 6 be renewed, the licensee shall document to the division's satisfaction that the licensee
 7 has received at least 45 hours of continuing education in naturopathic medicine in the
 8 previous two years, at least 15 hours of which was instruction in pharmacology or
 9 pharmacotherapeutics presented by a licensed pharmacist or another professional
 10 approved by the division.

11 **Sec. 08.45.120. Authorized activities; use of titles.** (a) A person licensed
 12 under this chapter may

13 (1) prescribe or administer for preventive and therapeutic purposes the
 14 following: food, extracts of food, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland
 15 substances, botanical medicines, and homeopathic preparations;

16 (2) prescribe or administer intravenous botanicals, substances,
 17 vitamins, and minerals;

18 (3) administer health care counseling, nutritional counseling and
 19 dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, therapeutic devices, and
 20 nonprescription drugs;

21 (4) if authorized under regulations of the department, prescribe
 22 schedules IIIA, IVA, and VA controlled substances as described under AS 11.71.160,
 23 11.71.170, and 11.71.180 if the person has

24 (A) registered with the federal Drug Enforcement
 25 Administration;

26 (B) successfully completed pharmacology training from an
 27 approved naturopathic medical college; and

28 (C) entered into a collaborative agreement as described under
 29 AS 08.45.125 with a person or persons licensed to practice medicine under
 30 AS 08.64;

31 (5) prescribe and implement barrier devices for contraception;

1 (6) perform minor surgery after providing proof satisfactory to the
2 division of successful completion of training in minor surgery from an approved
3 naturopathic medical college;

4 (7) perform or order for diagnostic purposes a physical or orificial
5 examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory test or examination,
6 physiological function test, and other diagnostic procedures commonly used by a
7 person licensed to practice medicine under AS 08.64.230(a); and

8 (8) if authorized under regulations of the department, prescribe legend
9 drugs or prescription drugs if the person has

10 (A) successfully completed pharmacology training from an
11 approved naturopathic medical college; and

12 (B) entered into a collaborative agreement as described under
13 AS 08.45.125 with a person or persons licensed to practice medicine under
14 AS 08.64; and

15 (9) use the title of "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopath," "naturopathic
16 physician," or their abbreviations.

17 (b) In this section, "legend drug" and "prescription drug" have the meanings
18 given in AS 08.80.480.

19 **Sec. 08.45.125. Collaborative agreements for drugs.** (a) A collaborative
20 agreement required under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) and (a)(8) must be in writing in a form
21 approved by the department and include

22 (1) a commitment of at least one collaborating physician licensed to
23 practice medicine under AS 08.64 able to comply with the terms of the agreement;

24 (2) a formulary of controlled substances and legend drugs or
25 prescription drugs that

26 (A) are authorized under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) and (a)(8) and
27 regulations adopted under that section that describes the standard protocols and
28 practices that must be used;

29 (B) are approved by the collaborating physician to be
30 prescribed or dispensed by the person licensed under this chapter; and

31 (C) include standard protocols and practices that describe the

1 circumstances under which each drug on the formulary may be prescribed or
 2 dispensed, the extent of supervision required of the collaborating physician, if
 3 any, and a periodic review of the licensee's competence and standard practices;

4 (3) a requirement that the licensee consult with and have a patient
 5 protocol approved by a collaborating physician before prescribing a schedule IIIA
 6 controlled substance for each patient; and

7 (4) a requirement that the licensee review the formulary, including the
 8 standard practices under (2) of this subsection, with a collaborating physician before
 9 executing a collaborative agreement, six months after executing the agreement, and
 10 every 12 months thereafter.

11 (b) A collaborating physician licensed under AS 08.54 and a person licensed
 12 to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter are not liable for the actions or
 13 inactions of the other as a result of a collaborative agreement entered into under this
 14 section.

15 (c) The licensee shall post the name of the collaborating physician under (a) of
 16 this section in a conspicuous location visible to patients of the licensee.

17 (d) Upon request, the licensee shall provide a copy of the standard practices
 18 under (a)(2) of this section to a pharmacist licensed in the state.

19 (e) The licensee shall include the name of the collaborating physician under
 20 (a) of this section on each prescription written under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) or (a)(8) by
 21 the licensee.

22 **Sec. 08.45.130. Fees.** The division shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for each
 23 of the following:

24 (1) a license issued under this chapter;

25 (2) renewal of a license issued under this chapter.

26 * **Sec. 11.** AS 08.45.200(3) is amended to read:

27 (3) **"naturopathic medicine"** ["NATUROPATHY"] means the use of
 28 hydrotherapy, dietetics, electrotherapy, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and manual
 29 manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psychological action to establish
 30 a normal condition of mind and body; in this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal
 31 and homeopathic remedies.

1 * **Sec. 12.** AS 08.45.200 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

2 (4) "approved naturopathic medical college or program" means a
3 college or program that grants a degree of doctor of naturopathy or doctor of
4 naturopathic medicine and that

5 (A) is accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical
6 Education or another accrediting agency recognized by the United States
7 Department of Education;

8 (B) has the status of candidate for accreditation by an entity
9 described in (A) of this paragraph; or

10 (C) has been approved under a regulation adopted by the
11 department under this chapter;

12 (5) "department" means the Department of Community and Economic
13 Development;

14 (6) "minor surgery"

15 (A) means the use of

16 (i) operative, electrical, or other methods for surgical
17 repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions or
18 superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in
19 superficial tissues; and

20 (ii) antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with
21 methods authorized under (i) of this subparagraph;

22 (B) does not include use of general or spinal anesthetics, major
23 surgery, surgery of the body cavities, or specialized surgery, such as plastic
24 surgery, surgery involving the eyes, or surgery involving tendons, ligaments,
25 nerves, or blood vessels.

26 * **Sec. 13.** AS 47.08.050 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 47.08.050. Services excluded from coverage.** Annually, the committee
28 shall determine in light of appropriated funds and expected need the medical expenses
29 reimbursable under AS 47.08.010 - 47.08.140, except that the following are not
30 reimbursable:

31 (1) dentistry and optometry unless prescribed by a licensed dentist or

1 physician as medically necessary as the result of the injury or illness;

2 (2) elective medical or surgical procedures;

3 (3) drugs and medications not prescribed by a licensed physician;

4 (4) services received as a result of a pregnancy or birth without
5 unusual complications;

6 (5) private psychological or psychiatric treatment or private alcoholism
7 treatment, unless not available from public agencies or programs;

8 (6) chiropractic services and services provided by a person who
9 practices naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY];

10 (7) services not of a medical nature;

11 (8) medical services currently provided to persons in the custody of the
12 Department of Corrections;

13 (9) costs incurred before July 1976.

14 * **Sec. 14.** AS 08.45.035 and 08.45.040 are repealed.

15 * **Sec. 15.** AS 08.45.120(a)(4)(C), 08.45.120(a)(8)(B), and 08.45.125, as enacted by sec. 10
16 of this Act, are repealed July 1, 2009.

17 * **Sec. 16.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
18 to read:

19 LICENSE TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY; TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. A
20 license to practice naturopathy issued under AS 08.45, including a temporary license, that is
21 in effect on February 28, 2005, remains in effect for the period for which the license was
22 issued and is considered to be a license to practice naturopathic medicine under AS 08.45, as
23 amended by this Act. However, a person who holds a license issued under AS 08.45 that is in
24 effect on February 28, 2005, is subject to the authority of the department in regard to acts of
25 the licensee that occurred on or before February 28, 2005, to impose a disciplinary sanction
26 under AS 08.45.070.

27 * **Sec. 17.** AS 08.45.110, as enacted by sec. 10 of this Act, takes effect January 1, 2007.

28 * **Sec. 18.** Except as provided in sec. 17 of this Act, this Act takes effect March 1, 2005.



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NOTES: CS SB 306 (FIN)
FINAL Please

23-LS1572\5 with 2
attached amendments.

Amend #2
2 Conceptual Amendment #3

(Call if you have any questions.)

Thanks!
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11 or program; and

12 (B) has passed the naturopathic physicians licensing
13 examination approved by the division with a score that meets the requirements
14 established in regulation; and

15 (3) all applicable fees.

16 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.45.050 is repealed and reenacted to read:

17 **Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathic medicine.** (a) A
18 person who practices naturopathic medicine may not engage in surgery except that a
19 person who practices naturopathic medicine may perform minor surgery under
20 AS 08.45.120(a)(6).

21 (b) Notwithstanding that a specific act is within the definition of "naturopathic
22 medicine" or is described as an activity authorized under AS 08.45.120, a person
23 licensed under this chapter may not perform the act if the person lacks appropriate
24 education or training related to the act.

25 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.45.060 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 08.45.060. Grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue a**
27 **license.** The division may **deny a license to an applicant under this chapter or,**
28 **after a hearing, impose a disciplinary sanction authorized under AS 08.45.070 on a**
29 **person licensed under this chapter when the division finds that the applicant or**
30 **licensee**

31 (1) **secured, or attempted to secure,** a license through deceit, fraud, or

1 intentional misrepresentation;

2 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the
3 course of providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

4 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

5 (4) has been convicted of a felony or other crime that affects the
6 applicant's or licensee's ability [TO CONTINUE] to practice competently and safely;

7 (5) failed to comply with this chapter, with a regulation adopted under
8 this chapter, or with an order of the division;

9 (6) is [CONTINUED TO PRACTICE AFTER BECOMING] unfit to
10 practice naturopathic medicine due to

11 (A) professional incompetence;

12 (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or a drug that
13 impairs the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice safely; or

14 (C) physical or mental disability; or

15 (7) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with the
16 delivery of professional service to patients.

17 * Sec. 7. AS 08.45.070(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) When it finds that a licensee under this chapter has violated AS 08.45.050
19 or 08.45.120 [AS 08.45.040 - 08.45.050] or is guilty of an offense under
20 AS 08.45.060, the division may impose the following sanctions singly or in
21 combination:

22 (1) permanently revoke the license to practice;

23 (2) suspend the license for a determinate period of time;

24 (3) censure the licensee;

25 (4) issue a letter of reprimand to the licensee;

26 (5) place the licensee on probationary status and require the licensee to

27 (A) report regularly to the division upon matters involving the
28 basis of probation;

29 (B) limit practice to those areas prescribed;

30 (C) continue professional education until a satisfactory degree
31 of skill has been attained in areas determined by the division to need

1 improvement;

2 (6) impose limitations or conditions on the practice of the licensee.

3 * Sec. 8. AS 08.45.080 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 08.45.080. Unlicensed practice or use of title a misdemeanor.** A
5 person who violates [PRACTICES NATUROPATHY IN THE STATE WITHOUT A
6 LICENSE IN VIOLATION OF] AS 08.45.010 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
7 conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not
8 more than a year, or by both.

9 * Sec. 9. AS 08.45.100 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (b) After consideration of draft regulations, if any, prepared by the division in
11 collaboration with a qualified trade association of naturopathic physicians, the
12 department may adopt regulations to

13 (1) establish the standards the division will use to approve naturopathic
14 medical colleges or programs for satisfaction of the requirements of
15 AS 08.45.030(2)(A), 08.45.120(a)(4), 08.45.120(a)(6), and 08.45.120(a)(8); the
16 standards must require, at a minimum, that the college or program include a four-year,
17 full-time resident program of academic and clinical study of naturopathic medicine;

18 (2) implement the peer review process under (c) of this section;

19 (3) implement the continuing education requirement of AS 08.45.110;

20 and

21 (4) establish the standards under which the division may issue
22 certificates of specialty practice for a person licensed under this chapter.

23 (c) The division shall establish a naturopathic peer review committee
24 consisting of three members appointed annually from a list of nominees presented to
25 the division by an approved qualified trade association for naturopathic physicians.
26 The committee members serve without compensation for their work on the committee
27 but are entitled to the travel and per diem expenses authorized for boards and
28 commissions under AS 39.20.180. The committee shall meet quarterly to review
29 complaints filed with the division under this chapter. The committee shall make
30 written recommendations to the division as to whether grounds for disciplinary action
31 exist under AS 08.45.060 and as to appropriate disciplinary sanctions under

1 AS 08.45.070 in each case under review. If the division approves the
2 recommendations of the committee, the licensee may either accept the
3 recommendations of the committee or request a hearing before the division.

4 * **Sec. 10.** AS 08.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Sec. 08.45.110. Continuing education requirement.** Before a license may
6 be renewed, the licensee shall document to the division's satisfaction that the licensee
7 has received at least 45 hours of continuing education in naturopathic medicine in the
8 previous two years, at least 15 hours of which was instruction in pharmacology or
9 pharmacotherapeutics presented by a licensed pharmacist or another professional
10 approved by the division.

11 **Sec. 08.45.120. Authorized activities; use of titles.** (a) A person licensed
12 under this chapter may

13 (1) prescribe or administer for preventive and therapeutic purposes the
14 following: food, extracts of food, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland
15 substances, botanical medicines, and homeopathic preparations;

16 (2) prescribe or administer intravenous botanicals, substances,
17 vitamins, and minerals;

18 (3) administer health care counseling, nutritional counseling and
19 dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, therapeutic devices, and
20 nonprescription drugs;

21 (4) if authorized under regulations of the department, prescribe
22 schedules IIIA, IVA, and VA controlled substances as described under AS 11.71.160,
23 11.71.170, and 11.71.180 if the person has

24 (A) registered with the federal Drug Enforcement
25 Administration;

26 (B) successfully completed pharmacology training from an
27 approved naturopathic medical college; and

28 (C) entered into a collaborative agreement as described under
29 AS 08.45.125 with a person or persons licensed to practice medicine under
30 AS 08.64;

31 (5) prescribe and implement barrier devices for contraception;

1 (6) perform minor surgery after providing proof satisfactory to the
2 division of successful completion of training in minor surgery from an approved
3 naturopathic medical college;

4 (7) perform or order for diagnostic purposes a physical or orificial
5 examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy, clinical laboratory test or examination,
6 physiological function test, and other diagnostic procedures commonly used by a
7 person licensed to practice medicine under AS 08.64.230(a); and

8 (8) if authorized under regulations of the department, prescribe legend
9 drugs or prescription drugs if the person has

10 (A) successfully completed pharmacology training from an
11 approved naturopathic medical college; and

12 (B) entered into a collaborative agreement as described under
13 AS 08.45.125 with a person or persons licensed to practice medicine under
14 AS 08.64; and

15 (9) use the title of "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopath," "naturopathic
16 physician," or their abbreviations.

17 (b) In this section, "legend drug" and "prescription drug" have the meanings
18 given in AS 08.80.480.

19 **Sec. 08.45.125. Collaborative agreements for drugs.** (a) A collaborative
20 agreement required under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) and (a)(8) must be in writing in a form
21 approved by the department and include

22 (1) a commitment of at least one collaborating physician licensed to
23 practice medicine under AS 08.64 able to comply with the terms of the agreement;

24 (2) a formulary of controlled substances and legend drugs or
25 prescription drugs that

26 (A) are authorized under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) and (a)(8) and
27 regulations adopted under that section that describes the standard protocols and
28 practices that must be used;

29 (B) are approved by the collaborating physician to be
30 prescribed or dispensed by the person licensed under this chapter; and

31 (C) include standard protocols and practices that describe the

1 circumstances under which each drug on the formulary may be prescribed or
2 dispensed, the extent of supervision required of the collaborating physician, if
3 any, and a periodic review of the licensee's competence and standard practices;

4 (3) a requirement that the licensee consult with and have a patient
5 protocol approved by a collaborating physician before prescribing a schedule IIIA
6 controlled substance for each patient; and

7 (4) a requirement that the licensee review the formulary, including the
8 standard practices under (2) of this subsection, with a collaborating physician before
9 executing a collaborative agreement, six months after executing the agreement, and
10 every 12 months thereafter.

11 (b) A collaborating physician licensed under AS 08.64 and a person licensed
12 to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter are not liable for the actions or
13 inactions of the other as a result of a collaborative agreement entered into under this
14 section.

15 (c) The licensee shall post the name of the collaborating physician under (a) of
16 this section in a conspicuous location visible to patients of the licensee.

17 (d) Upon request, the licensee shall provide a copy of the standard practices
18 under (a)(2) of this section to a pharmacist licensed in the state.

19 (e) The licensee shall include the name of the collaborating physician under
20 (a) of this section on each prescription written under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) or (a)(8) by
21 the licensee.

22 **Sec. 08.45.130. Fees.** The division shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for each
23 of the following:

24 (1) a license issued under this chapter;

25 (2) renewal of a license issued under this chapter.

26 * **Sec. 11.** AS 08.45.200(3) is amended to read:

27 (3) "naturopathic medicine" ["NATUROPATHY"] means the use of
28 hydrotherapy, dietetics, electrotherapy, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and manual
29 manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psychological action to establish
30 a normal condition of mind and body; in this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal
31 and homeopathic remedies.

1 * **Sec. 12.** AS 08.45.200 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

2 (4) "approved naturopathic medical college or program" means a
3 college or program that grants a degree of doctor of naturopathy or doctor of
4 naturopathic medicine and that

5 (A) is accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical
6 Education or another accrediting agency recognized by the United States
7 Department of Education;

8 (B) has the status of candidate for accreditation by an entity
9 described in (A) of this paragraph; or

10 (C) has been approved under a regulation adopted by the
11 department under this chapter;

12 (5) "department" means the Department of Community and Economic
13 Development;

14 (6) "minor surgery"

15 (A) means the use of

16 (i) operative, electrical, or other methods for surgical
17 repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions or
18 superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in
19 superficial tissues; and

20 (ii) antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with
21 methods authorized under (i) of this subparagraph;

22 (B) does not include use of general or spinal anesthetics, major
23 surgery, surgery of the body cavities, or specialized surgery, such as plastic
24 surgery, surgery involving the eyes, or surgery involving tendons, ligaments,
25 nerves, or blood vessels.

26 * **Sec. 13.** AS 47.08.050 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 47.08.050. Services excluded from coverage.** Annually, the committee
28 shall determine in light of appropriated funds and expected need the medical expenses
29 reimbursable under AS 47.08.010 - 47.08.140, except that the following are not
30 reimbursable:

31 (1) dentistry and optometry unless prescribed by a licensed dentist or

1 physician as medically necessary as the result of the injury or illness;

2 (2) elective medical or surgical procedures;

3 (3) drugs and medications not prescribed by a licensed physician;

4 (4) services received as a result of a pregnancy or birth without
5 unusual complications;

6 (5) private psychological or psychiatric treatment or private alcoholism
7 treatment, unless not available from public agencies or programs;

8 (6) chiropractic services and services provided by a person who
9 practices naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY];

10 (7) services not of a medical nature;

11 (8) medical services currently provided to persons in the custody of the
12 Department of Corrections;

13 (9) costs incurred before July 1976.

14 * Sec. 14. AS 08.45.035 and 08.45.040 are repealed.

15 * Sec. 15. AS 08.45.120(a)(4)(C), 08.45.120(a)(8)(B), and 08.45.125, as enacted by sec. 10
16 of this Act, are repealed July 1, 2009.

17 * Sec. 16. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
18 to read:

19 LICENSE TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY; TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. A
20 license to practice naturopathy issued under AS 08.45, including a temporary license, that is
21 in effect on February 28, 2005, remains in effect for the period for which the license was
22 issued and is considered to be a license to practice naturopathic medicine under AS 08.45, as
23 amended by this Act. However, a person who holds a license issued under AS 08.45 that is in
24 effect on February 28, 2005, is subject to the authority of the department in regard to acts of
25 the licensee that occurred on or before February 28, 2005, to impose a disciplinary sanction
26 under AS 08.45.070.

27 * Sec. 17. AS 08.45.110, as enacted by sec. 10 of this Act, takes effect January 1, 2007.

28 * Sec. 18. Except as provided in sec. 17 of this Act, this Act takes effect March 1, 2005.

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Offered:
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Sponsor(s): SENATORS SEEKINS, Dyson, Green

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 08.01.010(26) is amended to read:

5 (26) regulation of the practice of naturopathic medicine
6 [NATUROPATHY] under AS 08.45;

7 * Sec. 2. AS 08.45.010 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 08.45.010. Practice of naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY]
9 without license prohibited. A person who does not hold a license issued under this
10 chapter may not

11 (1) practice naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY] in the state;

12 or

13 (2) use any of the following titles: "doctor of naturopathy,"
14 "naturopath," or "naturopathic physician" [WITHOUT A LICENSE].

1 * Sec. 3. AS 08.45.020 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 08.45.020. Application for license.** A person desiring to practice
3 naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY] shall apply in writing to the division of
4 occupational licensing of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

5 * Sec. 4. AS 08.45.030 is repealed and reenacted to read:

6 **Sec. 08.45.030. Issuance of license.** The division shall issue a license to
7 practice naturopathic medicine on receipt of

8 (1) an application on a form acceptable to the division;

9 (2) documentation satisfactory to the division that the applicant

10 (A) is a graduate of an approved naturopathic medical college
11 or program; and

12 (B) has passed the naturopathic physicians licensing
13 examination approved by the division with a score that meets the requirements
14 established in regulation; and

15 (3) all applicable fees.

16 * Sec. 5. AS 08.45.050 is repealed and reenacted to read:

17 **Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathic medicine.** (a) A
18 person who practices naturopathic medicine may not engage in surgery except that a
19 person who practices naturopathic medicine may perform minor surgery under
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25 * Sec. 6. AS 08.45.060 is amended to read:

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8 this chapter, or with an order of the division;

9 (6) is [CONTINUED TO PRACTICE AFTER BECOMING] unfit to
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11 (A) professional incompetence;

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13 impairs the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice safely; or

14 (C) physical or mental disability; or

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16 delivery of professional service to patients.

17 * Sec. 7. AS 08.45.070(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) When it finds that a licensee under this chapter has violated AS 08.45.050
19 or 08.45.120 [AS 08.45.040 - 08.45.050] or is guilty of an offense under
20 AS 08.45.060, the division may impose the following sanctions singly or in
21 combination:

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28 basis of probation;

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1 improvement;

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3 * **Sec. 8.** AS 08.45.080 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 08.45.080. Unlicensed practice or use of title a misdemeanor.** A
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10 (b) After consideration of draft regulations, if any, prepared by the division in
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12 department may adopt regulations to

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14 medical colleges or programs for satisfaction of the requirements of
15 AS 08.45.030(2)(A), 08.45.120(a)(4), and 08.45.120(a)(6); the standards must require,
16 at a minimum, that the college or program include a four-year, full-time resident
17 program of academic and clinical study of naturopathic medicine;

18 (2) implement the peer review process under (c) of this section;

19 (3) implement the continuing education requirement of AS 08.45.110;

20 and

21 (4) establish the standards under which the division may issue
22 certificates of specialty practice for a person licensed under this chapter.

23 (c) The division shall establish a naturopathic peer review committee
24 consisting of three members appointed annually from a list of nominees presented to
25 the division by an approved qualified trade association for naturopathic physicians.
26 The committee members serve without compensation for their work on the committee
27 but are entitled to the travel and per diem expenses authorized for boards and
28 commissions under AS 39.20.180. The committee shall meet quarterly to review
29 complaints filed with the division under this chapter. The committee shall make
30 written recommendations to the division as to whether grounds for disciplinary action
31 exist under AS 08.45.060 and as to appropriate disciplinary sanctions under

1 AS 08.45.070 in each case under review. If the division approves the
2 recommendations of the committee, the licensee may either accept the
3 recommendations of the committee or request a hearing before the division.

4 * **Sec. 10.** AS 08.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Sec. 08.45.110. Continuing education requirement.** Before a license may
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7 has received at least 45 hours of continuing education in naturopathic medicine in the
8 previous two years, at least 15 hours of which was instruction in pharmacology or
9 pharmacotherapeutics presented by a licensed pharmacist or another professional
10 approved by the division.

11 **Sec. 08.45.120. Authorized activities; use of titles.** (a) A person licensed
12 under this chapter may

13 (1) prescribe or administer for preventive and therapeutic purposes the
14 following: food, extracts of food, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland
15 substances, botanical medicines, and homeopathic preparations;

16 (2) prescribe or administer intravenous botanicals, substances,
17 vitamins, and minerals;

18 (3) administer health care counseling, nutritional counseling and
19 dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, therapeutic devices, and
20 nonprescription drugs;

21 (4) if authorized under regulations of the department, prescribe legend
22 drugs or prescription drugs and schedules IIIA, IVA, and VA controlled substances as
23 described under AS 11.71.160, 11.71.170, and 11.71.180 if the person has

24 (A) registered with the federal Drug Enforcement
25 Administration;

26 (B) successfully completed pharmacology training from an
27 approved naturopathic medical college; and

28 (C) entered into a collaborative agreement as described under
29 AS 08.45.125 with a person or persons licensed to practice medicine under
30 AS 08.64;

31 (5) prescribe and implement barrier devices for contraception;

1 (6) perform minor surgery after providing proof satisfactory to the
2 division of successful completion of training in minor surgery from an approved
3 naturopathic medical college;

4 (7) if the person has entered into a collaborative agreement with a
5 person or persons licensed to practice medicine under AS 08.64, perform or order for
6 diagnostic purposes a physical or orificial examination, ultrasound, phlebotomy,
7 clinical laboratory test or examination, physiological function test, and other
8 diagnostic procedures commonly used by a person licensed to practice medicine under
9 AS 08.64.230(a); a collaborative agreement under this paragraph must be in a form
10 approved by the department and include a protocol for each procedure to be ordered or
11 performed and must be reviewed by the collaborating physician before
12 implementation of the agreement, six months after implementation, and every 12
13 months thereafter; and

14 (8) use the title of "doctor of naturopathy," "naturopath," "naturopathic
15 physician," or their abbreviations.

16 (b) In this section, "legend drug" and "prescription drug" have the meanings
17 given in AS 08.80.480.

18 **Sec. 08.45.125. Collaborative agreements for drugs.** (a) A collaborative
19 agreement required under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) must be in writing in a form approved
20 by the department and include

21 (1) a commitment of at least one collaborating physician licensed to
22 practice medicine under AS 08.64 able to comply with the terms of the agreement;

23 (2) a formulary of controlled substances and legend drugs or
24 prescription drugs that

25 (A) are authorized under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) and regulations
26 adopted under that section that describes the standard protocols and practices
27 that must be used;

28 (B) are approved by the collaborating physician to be
29 prescribed or dispensed by the person licensed under this chapter; and

30 (C) include standard protocols and practices that describe the
31 circumstances under which each drug on the formulary may be prescribed or

1 dispensed, the extent of supervision required of the collaborating physician, if
2 any, and a periodic review of the licensee's competence and standard practices;

3 (3) a requirement that the licensee consult with and have a patient
4 protocol approved by a collaborating physician before prescribing a schedule IIIA
5 controlled substance for each patient; and

6 (4) a requirement that the licensee review the formulary, including the
7 standard practices under (2) of this subsection, with a collaborating physician before
8 executing a collaborative agreement, six months after executing the agreement, and
9 every 12 months thereafter.

10 (b) A collaborating physician licensed under AS 08.64 and a person licensed
11 to practice naturopathic medicine under this chapter are not liable for the actions or
12 inactions of the other as a result of a collaborative agreement entered into under this
13 section.

14 (c) The licensee shall post the name of the collaborating physician under (a) of
15 this section in a conspicuous location visible to patients of the licensee.

16 (d) Upon request, the licensee shall provide a copy of the standard practices
17 under (a)(2) of this section to a pharmacist licensed in the state.

18 (e) The licensee shall include the name of the collaborating physician under
19 (a) of this section on each prescription written under AS 08.45.120(a)(4) by the
20 licensee.

21 **Sec. 08.45.130. Fees.** The division shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for each
22 of the following:

23 (1) a license issued under this chapter;

24 (2) renewal of a license issued under this chapter.

25 * **Sec. 11.** AS 08.45.200(3) is amended to read:

26 (3) "naturopathic medicine" ["NATUROPATHY"] means the use of
27 hydrotherapy, dietetics, electrotherapy, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and manual
28 manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psychological action to establish
29 a normal condition of mind and body; in this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal
30 and homeopathic remedies.

31 * **Sec. 12.** AS 08.45.200 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

1 (4) "approved naturopathic medical college or program" means a
2 college or program that grants a degree of doctor of naturopathy or doctor of
3 naturopathic medicine and that

4 (A) is accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical
5 Education or another accrediting agency recognized by the United States
6 Department of Education;

7 (B) has the status of candidate for accreditation by an entity
8 described in (A) of this paragraph; or

9 (C) has been approved under a regulation adopted by the
10 department under this chapter;

11 (5) "department" means the Department of Community and Economic
12 Development;

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14 (A) means the use of

15 (i) operative, electrical, or other methods for surgical
16 repair and care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions or
17 superficial lesions, and the removal of foreign bodies located in
18 superficial tissues; and

19 (ii) antiseptics and local anesthetics in connection with
20 methods authorized under (i) of this subparagraph;

21 (B) does not include use of general or spinal anesthetics, major
22 surgery, surgery of the body cavities, or specialized surgery, such as plastic
23 surgery, surgery involving the eyes, or surgery involving tendons, ligaments,
24 nerves, or blood vessels.

25 * **Sec. 13.** AS 47.08.050 is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 47.08.050. Services excluded from coverage.** Annually, the committee
27 shall determine in light of appropriated funds and expected need the medical expenses
28 reimbursable under AS 47.08.010 - 47.08.140, except that the following are not
29 reimbursable:

30 (1) dentistry and optometry unless prescribed by a licensed dentist or
31 physician as medically necessary as the result of the injury or illness;

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- 5 (5) private psychological or psychiatric treatment or private alcoholism
- 6 treatment, unless not available from public agencies or programs;
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- 8 practices naturopathic medicine [NATUROPATHY];
- 9 (7) services not of a medical nature;
- 10 (8) medical services currently provided to persons in the custody of the
- 11 Department of Corrections;
- 12 (9) costs incurred before July 1976.

13 * Sec. 14. AS 08.45.035 and 08.45.040 are repealed.

14 * Sec. 15. AS 08.45.120(a)(4)(C) and 08.45.125, as enacted by sec. 10 of this Act, are

15 repealed July 1, 2009.

16 * Sec. 16. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section

17 to read:

18 LICENSE TO PRACTICE NATUROPATHY; TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. A

19 license to practice naturopathy issued under AS 08.45, including a temporary license, that is

20 in effect on February 28, 2005, remains in effect for the period for which the license was

21 issued and is considered to be a license to practice naturopathic medicine under AS 08.45, as

22 amended by this Act. However, a person who holds a license issued under AS 08.45 that is in

23 effect on February 28, 2005, is subject to the authority of the department in regard to acts of

24 the licensee that occurred on or before February 28, 2005, to impose a disciplinary sanction

25 under AS 08.45.070.

26 * Sec. 17. AS 08.45.110, as enacted by sec. 10 of this Act, takes effect January 1, 2007.

27 * Sec. 18. Except as provided in sec. 17 of this Act, this Act takes effect March 1, 2005.

Amendment #1
adopted

Amendment

SB 306 — An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine.

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(4) after becoming registered with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration,
prescribe only those controlled substances allowed under Schedules III, IV and V.

Submitted by: Senator Seekins

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
3/25/2003 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 306		
Amendment	#1		
Motion	adopt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Dyson		
<u>Objection by</u>	Wilken		
<u>Removed</u>	✓		
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
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Senator Dyson			
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Co-Chair Wilken			
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Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	PASS		

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 306
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
Title Naturopathic Medicine RDU Occupational Licensing (117)
Component Occupational Licensing
Sponsor Senators Seekins, Dyson, Green
Requester Senate Labor & Commerce Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 306 makes amendments to the Naturopathic licensing statutes. No new funds are required to implement the changes in this bill.

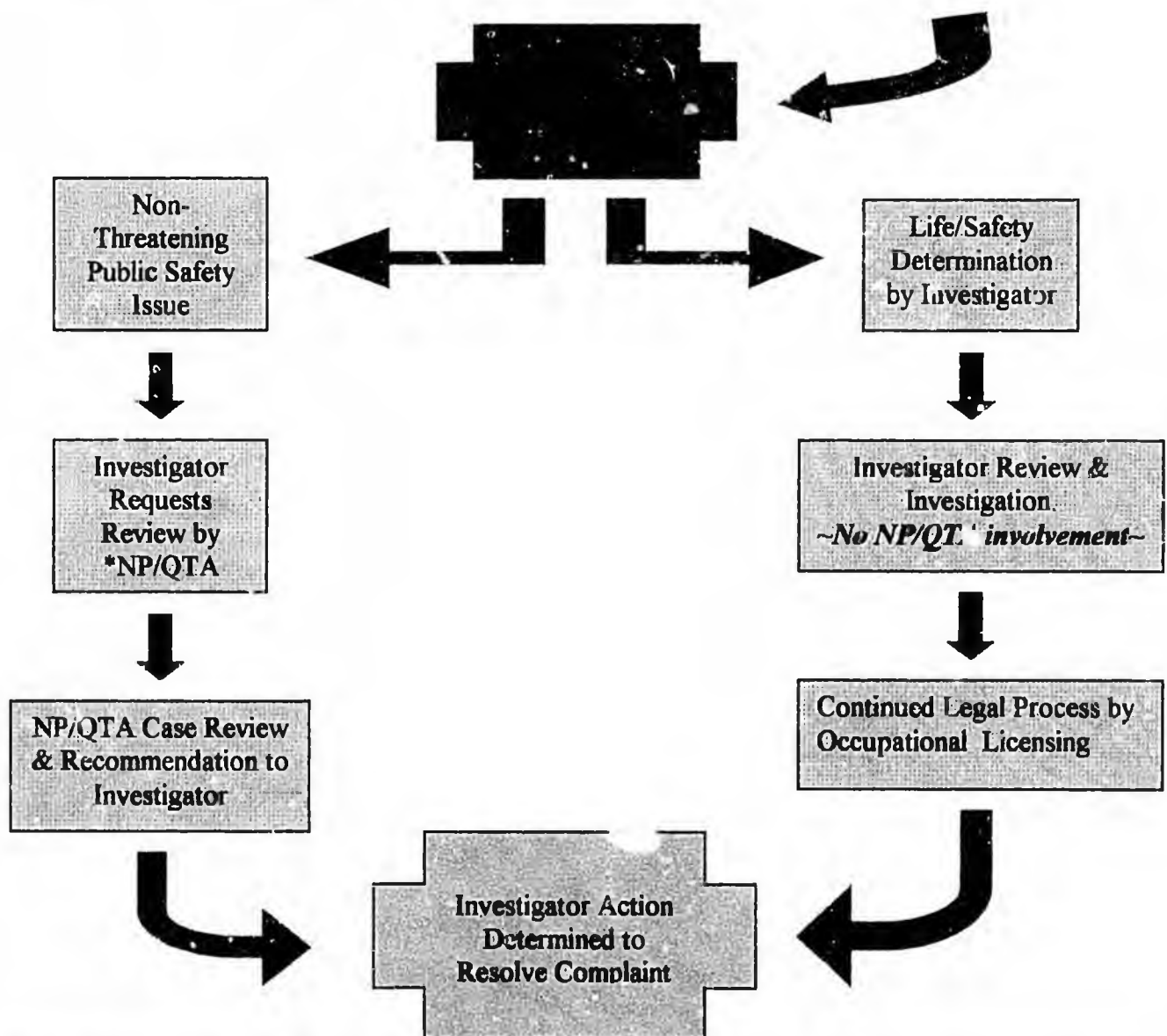
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Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

Implementation of CSSB306(FIN)

Authorizes **ONLY THOSE** Licensed Naturopathic Physicians Qualifying through Continuing Medical Education and Pharmacology to:

- 1) Prescribe Including Schedule III, IV & V Drugs
 - a. DEA Licensure Required for Controlled Substances
- 2) Perform Minor Surgery
 - a. Equal to Allopathic (MD) Training
- 3) Continued Oversight by Div. of Occ. Lic. *without* establishment of State Board

Complaint Brought Forward to Occupational Licensing Investigator



*NP/QTA = Qualified Trade Assn. of Naturopathic Physicians will annually appoint three practicing naturopathic physicians including two members with DEA licenses (Prescriptive authority for controlled substances) and one Naturopathic Physician who does not hold a DEA license. They will sit as a voluntary review committee to work with the Div. of Occupational



Statutes and Regulations **Naturopaths**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Division of Occupational Licensing

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NATUROPATHS.**

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Sec. 08.45.010. Practice of naturopathy without license prohibited. A person may not practice naturopathy in the state without a license.

Sec. 08.45.020. Application for license. A person desiring to practice naturopathy shall apply in writing to the division of occupational licensing of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Sec. 08.45.030. Issuance of license. The division shall issue a license to practice naturopathy to an applicant who provides proof satisfactory to the division that the applicant has received a degree from an accredited four-year college or university, and

(1) on or before December 31, 1987, has graduated from a school of naturopathy that required four years of attendance at the school and after graduation has received a license in another state after passing an examination for licensure in that state and is licensed by a state at the time of application; or

(2) after December 31, 1987, has

(A) graduated from a school of naturopathy that required four years of attendance at the school and at the time of graduation the school was accredited or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or a successor organization recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

(B) passed the Naturopathic Physicians Licensin Examination.

Sec. 08.45.035. Temporary licenses. (a) The division shall issue a temporary license to practice naturopathy to an applicant who has applied for and is qualified to take the next Naturopathic Physicians Licensin Examination offered after the date of application and provides proof satisfactory to the division that the applicant

(1) meets the requirements of AS 08.45.030(2)(A); and

(2) has not previously failed the Naturopathic Physicians Licensin Examination.

(b) A temporary license issued under (a) of this section terminates on the date

(1) the results of the examination the applicant agreed to take under (a) of this section are reported by the testing authority if the applicant failed the examination; or

(2) of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensin Examination that the applicant agreed to take under (a) of this section if the applicant fails to take the examination.

(c) A temporary license holder may practice only in the office of a naturopath licensed by this state.

Sec. 08.45.040. Disclosures required by person who practices naturopathy. (a) A person who practices naturopathy shall clearly disclose that the person's training and practice is in naturopathy

(1) to each patient; and

(2) on all material used in the practice of naturopathy and made available to patients or to the public.

(b) A person who practices naturopathy without being covered by malpractice insurance shall disclose to each patient that the person does not have the insurance.

Sec. 08.45.050. Restrictions on practice of naturopathy. A person who practices naturopathy may not

(1) give, prescribe, or recommend in the practice

(A) a prescription drug;

(B) a controlled substance;

(C) a poison;

(2) engage in surgery;

(3) use the word "physician" in the person's title.

Sec. 08.45.060. Grounds for suspension, revocation or refusal to issue a license. The division may, after a hearing, impose a disciplinary sanction on a person licensed under this chapter when the division finds that the licensee

- (1) secured a license through deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation;
- (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the course of providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;
- (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;
- (4) has been convicted of a felony or other crime that affects the licensee's ability to continue to practice competently and safely;
- (5) failed to comply with this chapter, with a regulation adopted under this chapter, or with an order of the division;
- (6) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to
 - (A) professional incompetence;
 - (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or a drug that impairs the licensee's ability to practice safely;
 - (C) physical or mental disability;
- (7) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with the delivery of professional service to patients.

Sec. 08.45.070. Disciplinary sanctions. (a) When it finds that a licensee under this chapter has violated AS 08.45.040 - 08.45.050 or is guilty of an offense under AS 08.45.060, the division may impose the following sanctions singly or in combination:

- (1) permanently revoke the license to practice;
- (2) suspend the license for a determinate period of time;
- (3) censure the licensee;
- (4) issue a letter of reprimand to the licensee;
- (5) place the licensee on probationary status and require the licensee to
 - (A) report regularly to the division upon matters involving the basis of probation;
 - (B) limit practice to those areas prescribed;
 - (C) continue professional education until a satisfactory degree of skill has been attained in areas determined by the division to need improvement;
- (6) impose limitations or conditions on the practice of the licensee.

(b) The division may withdraw probationary status of a licensee if it finds that the deficiencies that required the sanction have been remedied.

(c) The division may summarily suspend a license before final hearing or during the appeals process if the division finds that the licensee poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if the licensee continues to practice. A licensee whose license is suspended under this section is entitled to a hearing by the division no later than seven days after the effective date of the order. The licensee may appeal the suspension after a hearing to a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 08.45.080. Unlicensed practice a misdemeanor. A person who practices naturopathy in the state without a license in violation of AS 08.45.010 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than a year, or by both.

Sec. 08.45.090. Fraudulent license. A person who obtains or attempts to obtain a naturopathic license by dishonest or fraudulent means, or who forges, counterfeits, or fraudulently alters a naturopathic license is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

Sec. 08.45.100. Regulations. The Department of Community and Economic Development shall adopt regulations to implement this chapter.

Sec. 08.45.200. Definitions. In this chapter,

- (1) "controlled substance" has the meaning given in AS 11.71.900;
- (2) "division" means the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Community and Economic Development;
- (3) "naturopathy" means the use of hydrotherapy, dietetics, electrotherapy, sanitation, suggestion, mechanical and manual manipulation for the stimulation of physiological and psychological action to establish a normal condition of mind and body; in this paragraph, "dietetics" includes herbal and homeopathic remedies.

**CHAPTER 42.
NATURCPATHS.**

Article

- 1. Licenses, Permits, and Examinations
(12 AAC 42.010—12 AAC 42.050)**
- 2. General Provisions
(12 AAC 42.900—12 AAC 42.990)**

Article 1.

Licenses, Permits, and Examinations.

Section

- 10. Application for license**
- 20. Temporary license**
- 30. Examinations**
- 40. License renewal**
- 50. Reinstatement of a lapsed license**

12 AAC 42.010. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. An applicant for a license to practice naturopathy shall submit to the division

- (1) a completed application on a form provided by the division;
- (2) any applicable fees required in 12 AAC 02.270;
- (3) official school or college transcripts documenting all education that meets the requirements of AS 08.45.030;
- (4) a certified copy of the applicant's transcripts of the results of the examinations described in AS 08.45.030, if applicable; and
- (5) a verification of a valid license to practice naturopathy in another state, if applicable.

12 AAC 42.020. TEMPORARY LICENSE. (a) An applicant for a license to practice naturopathy is eligible for a temporary license if the applicant meets the requirements of AS 08.45.035 and submits

- (1) the documents specified in 12 AAC 42.010(1), (3), and (5);
- (2) the temporary license fee established in 12 AAC 02.270;
- (3) an affidavit signed by the applicant confirming that the applicant has not previously taken and failed the NPLEX examination;
- (4) verification from another licensing jurisdiction that the applicant is scheduled to take the next regularly scheduled NPLEX examination after the date of application, unless the applicant is scheduled for the next NPLEX examination in this state; and
- (5) a statement signed by the naturopath licensed in this state in whose office the applicant will practice while holding a temporary license; the statement must include the address of the location where the temporary license holder will practice.

(b) A temporary license holder must notify the division in writing before transferring to practice at a location other than the location submitted to the division under (a)(5) of this section. The written notification of transfer must include the name, practice address, and signature of the naturopath licensed in this state in whose office the temporary permit holder will practice.

12 AAC 42.030. EXAMINATIONS. (a) An applicant who graduated from a school of naturopathy after December 31, 1987 shall document having passed the basic science, clinical, and homeopathic sections of the NPLEX examination.

(b) To pass the NPLEX examination, the applicant must achieve at least the minimum score determined by the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination as the passing point for that examination.

(c) The division will offer the NPLEX examination on the dates established by the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination.

(d) To be scheduled for an examination, an applicant must meet the requirements of 12 AAC 42.010, at least 60 days before the date set for that examination.

(e) An applicant who fails one or more sections of the NPLEX examination may retake only the sections failed.

12 AAC 42.040. LICENSE RENEWAL. (a) A license to practice naturopathy expires on March 31 of even-numbered years. A license may be renewed by the division, if the licensee continues to meet the requirements of AS 08.45 and this chapter.

(b) To renew a license to practice naturopathy, a licensee shall submit a completed renewal application on a form provided by the division and pay the license renewal fee established in 12 AAC 02.270.

12 AAC 42.050. REINSTATEMENT OF A LAPSED LICENSE. The division will reinstate a license that has been lapsed for more than 60 days but less than five years if the applicant

- (1) submits a completed renewal application on a form provided by the division;
- (2) pays the penalty fee required in 12 AAC 02.105; and
- (3) pays the license renewal fee required in 12 AAC 02.270 for the current renewal period and each licensing period since the date the license lapsed.

**Article 2.
General Provisions.**

Section

- 900. Disclosure**
- 990. Definitions**

12 AAC 42.900. DISCLOSURE. (a) A licensee shall disclose that the licensee's training and practice is in naturopathy

- (1) to each patient by posting a conspicuous notice in the patient waiting room; and
- (2) by using the initials "N.D." after the licensee's written name, or, if the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." is used, by including the phrase "doctor of naturopathic medicine" after or below the licensee's name on written material made available to patients or the public.

(b) A licensee who is not covered by malpractice insurance shall

- (1) post a conspicuous notice in the patient waiting room that states the licensee does not have malpractice insurance; or
- (2) require each patient or the patient's legal guardian to sign a statement acknowledging that the patient or the patient's guardian has been informed that the licensee is not covered by malpractice insurance.

(c) If the licensee has a patient who is blind or otherwise unable to read the written disclosures required by this section, the licensee shall

- (1) verbally disclose to the patient at the initial visit that the licensee's training and practice is in naturopathy; and
- (2) if the licensee is not covered by malpractice insurance, verbally disclose that fact to the patient at the initial visit and at least once each year that the patient receives care from the licensee.

12 AAC 42.990. DEFINITIONS. In AS 08.45 and in this chapter,

- (1) "dietetics" includes the use of nutritional therapies, nutritional counseling, nutritional substances, vitamins, minerals, and supplements to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

- (2) "division" means the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Community and Economic Development;

- (3) "herbal remedy" includes medicines derived from or a concentrate or extract of a plant, tree, root, moss, fungus, or other natural substance; "herbal remedy" does not include a controlled substance;

- (4) "homeopathic remedy" means a remedy defined in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (December 1993 revision);

- (5) "hydrotherapy" means the use of water in all forms and temperatures to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

- (6) "NPLEX" means the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination;

- (7) "poison" means a substance given in a manner that has a likelihood of causing physical injury or death;

- (8) "prescription drug" includes a controlled substance or other medicine commonly requiring a written prescription from a physician licensed under AS 08.54; "prescription drug" does not include a device or herbal or homeopathic remedy or dietetic substance in a form that is not a controlled substance;

- (9) "sanitation" means the use of an antiseptic, disinfectant, bactericide, pediculicide, virucide, soap, detergent, and light to promote health and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

- (10) "suggestion" means the use of education, counseling, teaching, meditation, and assessment to promote health of mind and body and to diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, illness, and conditions;

- (11) "surgery" means the use of a scalpel, sharp cutting instrument, laser, electrical current, or other device to incise or remove living tissue; "surgery" does not include venipuncture or the removal of foreign objects from external tissue.

Editor's note: A copy of the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States may be obtained from the Order Department of the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia Convention of the United States, P.O. Box 80185, Valley Forge, PA 19184, telephone: (610) 783-5124; fax: (610) 783-5180.

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Senate Bill 306 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine."

The proposed legislation serves to update current law pertaining to the practice of naturopathic medicine. In so doing, Alaskans accessibility to safe, comprehensive, high-quality health care services will be significantly enhanced.

Key elements of this legislation include:

1. Safeguarding Alaskans use of naturopathic medicine, by assuring the highest quality care possible from licensed, well trained, and professionally examined naturopathic physicians. This is accomplished by updating licensure statutes enforced by the Division of Occupational Licensing.
2. Mandating continuing education requirements whereby practitioners are subject to a state and national examination process. Furthermore, oversight and complaint resolution will continue to be provided by the Division of Occupational Licensing.
3. Establishment of a scope of practice to include the use of: natural substances; homeopathic medicine; dietary, nutritional and health counseling; minor surgery, and; all necessary diagnostic and imaging studies.
4. Providing prescriptive rights authority for legend (aka prescribed) drugs to those naturopathic physicians earning licensure through pharmacology board examinations and/or a Registration Certificate by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency for controlled substances.
5. Establishment of a qualified trade association of naturopathic physicians to work with the Division of Occupational Licensing towards the implementation of regulations requiring specific State and Federal examinations and licensure requirements. The association will be self-funded.

Like allopathic (aka medical) physicians, naturopathic physicians undergo four years of undergraduate pre-professional training followed by an intensive four year doctoral program emphasizing both academic and clinical studies within the scope of primary care. It is important that the laws in Alaska that govern the practice of naturopathic medicine reflect the high quality of education that naturopathic physicians receive.

The practice of naturopathic medicine was first licensed in Alaska 17 years ago. It is now time to revisit these statutes and apply a fresh coat of paint where needed. The proposed legislation neatly accomplishes this necessary purpose. Finally, it may be of interest to note that similar legislation currently exists in fourteen other states.

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MEMORANDUM

February 16, 2004

SUBJECT: Naturopaths (SB 306)

TO: Senator Ralph Seekins

FROM: Jean M. Mischel
Legislative Counsel



You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. Changes the term "naturopathy" to "naturopathic medicine." This name change is carried throughout the bill and specifically necessitated sections 3, 5, 12, and 14.

Section 2. Changes name as in sec. 1 and allows use of certain titles for licensed naturopaths, including "doctor of naturopathy", "naturopath," and "naturopathic physician."

Section 3. See sec. 1.

Section 4. Rewrites application procedure for naturopaths and removes 1987 distinction from original licensing provision.

Section 5. See sec. 1.

Section 6. Modifies restrictions on practice of naturopathic medicine. Allows for performing of minor surgery and prescribing of drugs and controlled substances that were previously prohibited. Licensee must have appropriate education or training.

Section 7. Adds the authority to deny a person a naturopathic medicine license on disciplinary grounds and clarifies certain grounds for denial and disciplinary action.

Section 8. Removes a reference to a section repealed by this bill and adds a reference to a new section for purposes of issuing sanctions against a licensee.

Senator Ralph Seekins

February 16, 2004

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Section 9. Adds use of titles listed in sec. 2 of the bill to misdemeanor provisions and rewords the misdemeanor section.

Section 10. Adds a new section requiring the department to adopt regulations pertaining to education, continuing education and certificates for specialty practice. The department is required to consider regulations prepared by the division in collaboration with a trade association.

Section 11. Adds new sections pertaining to continuing education standards, authorized activities, and fees.

Section 12. See sec. 1.

Section 13. Adds definitions of "approved naturopathic college or program," "department," and "minor surgery".

Section 14. See sec. 1.

Section 15. Repeals AS 08.45.040, pertaining to required disclosures to a patient.

Section 16. Specifies that changes to licensing sections in this bill do not apply to persons licensed prior to February 28, 2005 except that disciplinary provisions apply.

Section 17. Provides a delayed effective date of January 1, 2007 for sec. 11.

Section 18. Provides an effective date of March 1, 2005, except as provided in sec. 17.

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SB 306 – Senator Seekins
Committee Hearing Packet

An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective date”

Included: as provided by AkANP (Alaska Assoc. Naturopathic Physicians

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(1 page)

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Definitions (1 page)

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Fact Sheet for Naturopathic Medical Legislation

Statements:

- 1) HB 434 will update a 17 year old Alaska State statute to reflect the quality of current and federally recognized naturopathic medical education. Alaska is the only state of 14 who has not embraced the primary scope of modern naturopathic medical practice.
- 2) HB 434 will safeguard Alaskans who use naturopathic medicine by assuring them access comprehensive primary care from licensed, qualified, regulated, well-trained and up to date naturopathic physicians.
- 3) HB 434 addresses the shortage of primary care providers in the state of Alaska, while at the same time providing complementary care and reducing health care costs to Alaskans.

Facts:

- 1) HB 434 will implement a 45 hour biennial requirement for continuing naturopathic medical education of which 15 hours must be in pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics.
- 2) HB 434 will allow naturopathic physicians their complete scope of practice, (as is done in other states), part of which is access to prescription writing authority, and after registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, access to Schedule II controlled substances.
- 3) HB 434 will allow naturopathic physicians to perform in-office minor surgery procedures.

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Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc.

Dedicated to the preservation of quality naturopathic medicine for all Alaskans.

JAMA, 1998

The Journal of American Medical Association

“Naturopaths, like allopathic physicians, receive 4 years of post-baccalaureate education culminating in a doctoral degree. They are broadly trained in the pre-clinical sciences and the clinical disciplines, with an emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment based on the stimulation or support of natural process. Their clinical education, which is entirely outpatient based, is designed to prepare them to be primary care providers.

Oregon Office of Educational Policy and Planning, 1998

“Naturopathic medical college prepares N.D.s with a biological and biomedical education of the same breadth and depth that prepares M.D.s to be primary care physicians.”



Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc.

Summary of Naturopathic Medical Legislation

Naturopathic physicians have been licensed to practice in the State of Alaska since 1986. They are currently regulated by the Division of Occupational Licensing under state statute AS 08.45.

This legislation adds the following revisions, in statute, for the practice of naturopathic medicine in the State of Alaska:

- 1) The Division of Occupational Licensing, in collaboration with a qualified trade association, The Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc., shall update current regulations defining naturopathic medical practice in Alaska, to be commensurate with current standards of naturopathic medical education and training.

The current law is 17 years old and needs to be updated to allow naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their federally regulated education.

- 2) A graduate of a CNME¹ approved naturopathic medical college who has passed the federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, (NPLEX) and has been approved by the Division of Occupational Licensing may use the title "Naturopathic Physician".

Current law is limited to the licensure of "naturopathy" and strictly prohibits the use of the title "Naturopathic Physician".

¹The Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) is the agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to serve as the accrediting agency for naturopathic medical programs.

- 3) Implement a requirement for at least 45 hours of continuing education in naturopathic medicine per year, of which 15 hours of instruction is in pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics, and is presented by a licensed pharmacist (R.Ph.) or Pharm.D., or other professional as approved by the Division of Occupational Licensing and The Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians.

Current law does not include continuing education requirements.

- 4) Allow a naturopathic physician who has graduated from a CNME¹ approved naturopathic medical college, and has passed the pharmacology exam as administered by the federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, (NPLEX), and is licensed by the State of Alaska to:

- a) Prescribe or administer legend or prescription substances and to

- b) Prescribe a controlled substance after becoming registered with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Current law does not authorize any prescriptive rights whatsoever, or allow for DEA registration as is required in 14 other states.

- 5) Allow a naturopathic physician who has graduated from a CNME¹ approved naturopathic medical college, and has passed the minor surgery exam, as administered by the federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, (NPLEX), and is licensed by the State of Alaska to perform minor surgery as defined in Section 13 (6) of this HB 434 and SB 306.

Current law does not allow a naturopathic physician to perform minor surgery in the State of Alaska, whereas 14 other states do.

Appendix C:
A Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions in The State of Alaska



Licensed Practical Nurse	9 months to 2 year practical nursing program, the 1 year program being the most common
Registered Nurse	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2-yr. Associate's degree, or • A 3-yr. Diploma program, (hospital based), or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 3-yr. Master's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 4-yr. Nursing Doctorate program
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	In addition to holding a license as a Registered Nurse, an A.R.N.P. completes one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 9 month to 2 year certificate program in specialty, or • A 2 year Master's degree certified in specialty
Physician's Assistant (PA)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree and 18 to 24 months master's degree (must work under the supervision of a physician)
Allopathic Physician (MD)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree in pre-medical and 2 to 5 years of post-graduate training in allopathic medical school; internship, residency
Naturopathic Physician (ND)	4-yr Bachelor's degree with pre-medical/science emphasis and 4 to 5 years post-graduate training in naturopathic medical school; externship required for graduation; residency options becoming more available

Appendix D:
Comparison of Naturopathic Governance In Licensed States



State	Scope of Practice	Board Membership	Date of Inception
Alaska	No obstetrics No minor surgery No prescription rights No right to lab tests or diagnostic tests	No professional board Under supervision of Occupational Licensing Board No Naturopathic Members	At 1987
Arizona	Full prescription rights except schedule 1 prescription	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1940
California	Full practice rights All natural & synthetic hormones; epi for anaphylaxis Prescription under MD, DO (under 2 year study)	Zero cost bureau under DCA 3 Naturopathic Physicians 3 Medical Physicians 3 Public Members	January 1, 2004 Note: original law sunset
Connecticut	Full practice rights No prescription rights	2 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1949
Hawaii	Full practice rights Drug formulary	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1937
Maine	Full practice rights Drug formulary	Alternative medicine board combining acupuncturists and naturopathic physicians 2 naturopathic doctors 2 acupuncturists 1 allopathic physician (MD or DO) 1 pharmacist 1 public member	At 1996
Montana	Full practice rights Drug formulary	Complimentary Medical Board combining naturopathic physicians and midwives 2 naturopathic physicians 2 midwives 2 public members 1 MD obstetrician	At 1991
New Hampshire	Full practice rights Drug formulary	4 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1990
Oregon	Full practice rights Drug formulary	4 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1940
Utah	Full practice rights Drug formulary	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	At 1997
Vermont	Full practice rights Drug formulary	2 naturopathic physicians 1 administrator	At 1996
Washington	Full practice rights Drug formulary No cancer treatment	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1950

Appendix E:
Comparison of Naturopathic And Major Medical Schools



	National	Bastyr	Southwest	John Hopkins	Yale	Stanford
Basic and Clinical Sciences Anatomy, Cell Biology, Physiology, Pathology, Neuroscience, Clinical / Physical Diagnosis, Histology, Genetics Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Lab Diagnosis, Pharmacognosy, Public Health, History, Philosophy, Ethics, Research and other coursework.	1548	1639	1419	1771	1420	1383
Clerkships (1) and Allopathic Therapeutics Lecture and Clinical Instruction in Dermatology, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Neurology, Surgery (2), Ophthalmology, and Clinical Electives.	2244	1925	1920	3391	2891	3897
Advanced Naturopathic Therapeutics	—	44	20	—	—	—
Ayurvedic Medicine	—	22	20	—	—	—
Botanical Medicine	96	110	120	—	—	—
Counseling (4)	144	143	100	—	—	—
Homeopathy	144	88	140	—	—	—
Hydrotherapy	48	39	40	—	—	—
Naturopathic Case Analysis / Management (5)	—	66	120	—	—	—
Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy	156	176	180	—	—	—
Naturopathic Medicine						
Naturopathic Philosophy	72	55	60	—	—	—
Oriental Medicine	72	33	200	—	—	—
Therapeutic Nutrition (3)	144	132	130	—	—	—
Subtotals:	876	908	1130	0	0	0
Total Reported Hours:	4688	4472	4469	5162	4311 (+ thesis)	5280

1. Clerkships are estimated to be 40 hours of mixed lecture and clinical training.
2. Naturopathic Physicians study minor surgery only.
3. No dedicated coursework in therapeutic nutrition appears in the college catalogs of Hopkins, Yale or Stanford, although they indicate that the subject is addressed in other courses.
4. Totals for John Hopkins, Yale and Stanford are included in psychiatry coursework.
5. Hours which could also be allocated to this category may be included elsewhere for some institutions because of terminology differences in the course

Sources: 1996-97 *Curriculum Directory* of the American Association of American Medical Colleges
 1995-97 catalog of National College of Naturopathic Medicine
 1996-98 catalog of Bastyr University
 1996-97 catalog of Southwestern College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences

Comparison of Pharmacology Training

Just as biochemistry is biochemistry, pharmacology is pharmacology. Pharmacology, like biochemistry, is a basic science -- usually taught in the first two years of medical school. Pharmacology training for naturopathic doctors is fundamentally the same as the training other primary care doctors receive.



Table 1 compares the total hours required of three medical disciplines in the basic sciences, including pharmacology.

Table 2 compares the total hours of clinical clerkships and therapeutics required by six different medical colleges, three naturopathic medical schools and three allopathic medical schools.

In the 13 states where naturopathic physicians have prescription rights

- ⇒ Naturopathic physicians must graduate from a CNME-approved naturopathic medical college
- ⇒ Pass the pharmacology exam as administered by NPLEX (Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination)
- ⇒ Be licensed by the state where they practice
- ⇒ Obtain a DEA registration number.
- ⇒ Remain current with continuing education required by the state

With these stringent requirements met, NDs in these states safely prescribe or administer prescription or controlled substances WHEN THEY NEED TO.

To further assure public safety in Alaska, our legislation requires a mandatory, 60-hour course taught by pharmacists (R.Ph.) and by Pharm.D.s (pharmacists who are also MDs) which focuses on pharmacotherapeutics (the therapeutic use of drugs). This will ensure that naturopathic doctors who graduated long ago will have their knowledge brought up to current provisions.

Table 1. Comparison of Average Number of Hours in Basic Science Instruction

	Allopathic ¹	Osteopathic ²	Naturopathic ³
Anatomy (gross and micro)	380	362	350
Physiology	125	126	250
Biochemistry	109	103	125
Pharmacology	114	108	100
Pathology	166	152	125
Microbiology/Immunology	185	125	175

Sources:

¹Ref. Association of American Medical Colleges Curriculum Directory, 1996-1997.

²Ref. 1996 Statistical Report. Chevy Chase, MD: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

³Ref. State of Oregon. Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Chapter 850. Salem, OR.

Note: Allopathic (MD); Osteopathic (DO); Naturopathic (ND)

Used with Permission; *Common Paths in Medical Education*, Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D., Alternative and Complementary Therapies; August 1997

Table 2: Comparison of major naturopathic and allopathic medical school clinical training

Clerkships and Clinical Therapeutics	National	Bastyr	Southwest	John Hopkins	Yale	Stanford
Total Hours	3120	2833	3050	3391	2891	3897

Sources:

American Association of American Medical Colleges, Curriculum directory (1996-1997)

National College of Naturopathic Medicine catalogs (1995-1997)

Bastyr University of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences catalogs (1996-98)

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences catalogs (1996 - 1998)

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NCNM

National College of Naturopathic Medicine

CLS 516 Pharmacology I. (3 credit hours lecture) Prerequisites: BAS 425/432. (3 credit hours lecture). This course presents the principles of pharmacodynamics, including drug absorption, metabolism, distribution, excretion, and mechanism of action. Students are expected to classify and describe the pharmacodynamics, side effects, and therapeutic uses of drug prototypes from the contemporary drug classes. Special emphasis is given to drugs contained in the Oregon and other naturopathic formularies. Prerequisites: BAS 425/432. (National College of Naturopathic Medicine Course Catalog, pp. 61- 62)

Topics for Fall 2003

General Principles: pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics; **Autonomic Nervous System:** sympathomimetics, sympatholytics, parasympathomimetics, parasympatholytics muscle relaxants; **Central Nervous System:** anxiolytics and hypnotics antipsychotics, agents for affective disorders, anti-epileptic drugs, agents for neurodegenerative disorders, analgesic drugs, drugs of abuse, local anesthetics; **Respiratory Agents;** Diuretics. (National College of Naturopathic Medicine Course Information Form, T. Ann Blair, Ph.D., blaira@ohsu.edu)

CLS 526 Pharmacology II. (3 credit hours lecture). This course presents the principles of pharmacodynamics, including drug absorption, metabolism, distribution, excretion, and mechanism of action. Students are expected to classify and describe the pharmacodynamics, side effects, and therapeutic uses of drug prototypes from the contemporary drug classes. Special emphasis is given to drugs contained in the Oregon and other naturopathic formularies. Prerequisites: BAS 425/432.

Topics for Winter 2004

Cardiovascular: antihypertensive, anti-anginal, antilipemic agents, congestive heart failure, anti-arrhythmic agents, blood formation, hemostasis, thrombosis, gastrointestinal agents; **Endocrine:** thyroid hormones, male and female reproductive hormones, glycemic agents, adrenal steroids, vitamin D and A agents, autacid drugs, nsoids, dmards; **Chemotherapy:** antimicrobial, antiviral, antifungal, antiparasitic, cancer chemotherapy, anti-obesity agents, otc's, drug interactions. (National College of Naturopathic Medicine Course Information Form, T. Ann Blair, Ph.D., blaira@ohsu.edu)

BOT 520/530/610 Botanical Materia Medica I, II, III (3 credit hours lecture winter, 2 credit hours lecture spring, 3 credit hours lecture fall) These sequential courses comprise a detailed survey of plants and plant preparations used in naturopathic practice, integrating traditional herbal knowledge with modern pharmacological research. The pharmacognosy, pharmacodynamics, toxicology, and therapeutics of each plant are considered. The coursework begins with an intensive on medicinal plant chemistry and follows with a focus on organ systems—the pathologies, the herbal treatments, and practical case presentation and workshops on case management and prescribing herbal formulas. Prerequisites: concurrent enrollment in CLS 520/530

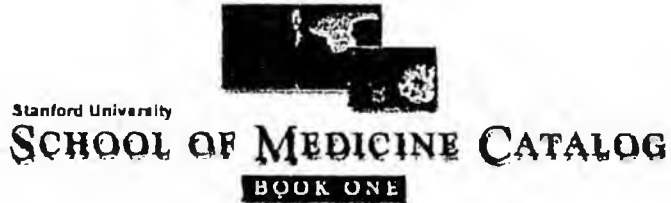
Elective: CLS 640E Natural Pharmacology (2 credit hours lecture) This course offers an in-depth look at evidence-based therapeutic interventions, ranging from diet and nutrition to botanical therapies. Students will be exposed to the latest scientific evidence in the field of natural medicine and will learn how to adjust individual patient biochemistry in order to regain and sustain optimal wellness through maintenance of a physiologically balanced homeostasis. Prerequisites: third-year status.

(<http://www.ncnm.edu/b3pdfs/ncnm%20cat.pdf>)

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MPHa 201. Pharmacology. Covers the principles of pharmacology and the major drug groups used in medicine. Major drug topics will include drug-receptor interaction, kinetic aspects of drug absorption, distribution and elimination, and drug metabolism. Major drug groups considered in this course include those affecting the Central Nervous System, the Autonomic Nervous System, and the Cardiovascular System. Peripherally acting drugs discussed include cholinergic/anticholinergics, adrenergics/antiadrenergics, antiarrhythmics, and vasodilators. Centrally acting drugs discussed include anticonvulsants, anesthetics, sedatives, analgesics, tranquilizers, and other psychoactive drugs. Problems of drug abuse are also considered. The emphasis of the course is on the mechanisms of action of drugs in man. A final exam will be given. Prerequisites: Mammalian physiology and biochemistry. Introductory neurobiology is recommended. 5 units. (J. Ferrell, staff - Department of Molecular Pharmacology)

MPHa 202. Pharmacology. A continuation of Pharmacology 201. Major drug groups considered in this course include: chemotherapeutic agents, antibiotics; antiparasitic drugs; anticancer agents; thrombolytic agents; anti-inflammatory agents, and drugs regulating endocrine function. This course also includes discussion of toxicology. A final exam will be given. Prerequisites: Mammalian physiology, biochemistry and microbiology. Students who have not taken Pharmacology 201 (or equivalent) should consult the instructor. 5 units. (R. Roth, staff - Department of Molecular Pharmacology)

(http://med.stanford.edu/school/catalog/bookone/coursegrid_descriptions.html)



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Definitions

Controlled Substances

A substance subject to the Controlled Substances Act (1970), which regulates the prescribing and dispensing, as well as the manufacturing, storage, sale, or distribution of substance's assigned to five schedules according to their 1) potential for or evidence of abuse, 2) potential for psychic or physiologic dependence, 3) contributing a public health risk, 4) harmful pharmacologic effect, or 5) role as a precursor of other controlled substances

Note: Controlled Substances in Schedules II -V have an accepted medical use in the United States, and Schedule 1 substances do not.

DEA Registration

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is the primary agency within the Federal Government responsible for the enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) of 1971

A prescription order for a controlled substance may be issued only by a physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, mid-level practitioner or other registered practitioner who is:

1. Authorized to prescribe controlled substances by the jurisdiction in which he/she is licensed to practice;
and
2. Registered with DEA or exempted from registration (i.e. Public Health Service and Bureau of Prison physicians)

Externship

Programs of training in medicine offered by outpatient clinics or private practices for graduates of medicine to meet the clinical requirements established by accrediting authorities.

Internship

Programs of training in medicine and medical specialties offered by hospitals for graduates of medicine to meet the requirements established by accrediting authorities.

Legend Drugs

A synonym for prescription drug. Legend drugs are required by federal law to have a prescription, or a physician's order to be dispensed by the pharmacy.

Minor Surgery

Minor surgery is the repair of superficial wounds, removal of foreign bodies, cysts, and superficial lesions. Local antiseptics and anesthetics are employed and sterile fields are maintained. These are the procedures that primary care physicians perform in their offices.

Note: Minor surgery DOES NOT include the use of general or spinal anesthetics, specialized surgical procedures (eye surgery, tendon repair, plastic surgery etc.) or the entrance into body cavities.

Pharmacognosy

A sub-field of pharmacology which studies natural drugs, including the study of their biological and chemical components, botanical sources, and other characteristics (economic, biochemical, biological, etc.).

Pharmacology

The medical science that deals with the discovery, chemistry, effects, uses and manufacture of drugs. The study of pharmacology includes drug absorption, metabolism, distribution, excretion and the mechanisms of drug action. It classifies and describes the actions, side effects and therapeutic uses of drug prototypes from the contemporary drug classes. (ex. Antihypertensives, Diuretics etc.)

Pharmacotherapeutics

Is the clinical study by which medical students learn to use drugs to treat medical conditions under the supervision of a physician.

Prescription

A written direction for the preparation and administration of a remedy. A prescription consists of the heading or superscription that is, the symbol R or the word Recipe, meaning take; the inscription, which contains the names and quantities of the ingredients; the subscription or directions for compounding and the signature, usually introduced by the sign s. For signa, mark, which gives the directions for the patient which are to be marked on the receptacle.

Prescription Drugs

A drug requiring a prescription, a physician's order. (By comparison with an over-the-counter drug.)

Primary Care

A primary care physician is trained to provide definitive care to the undifferentiated patient at the point of first contact. They are advocates for their patients and co-ordinate the use of the entire health care system. This includes educated referral for emergency intervention or to specialized providers.

SB 306 & HB 434 – Naturopathic Medicine Support Documents

Professionals/Instruction:

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D – Expert Testimony – Teleconferenced
Attached Resume & Letters of Support – Portland, Oregon
Rick Chester, ND, RPh,Lac – Expert Testimony –
Lette: of Support - White City, OR

Other Professional Letters of Support:

S. Lynn Hornbein, M.D. – Summit Family Practice – Anchorage
D. Lynn Mickleson, M.D. – Palmer
Michael Fischer, M.D. – Alaska Family Wellness Center, Inc. – Anchorage
Craig H. Mullett, D.D.S. – Alaska Family Dental Center – Wasilla
Elizabeth Turgeon, M.D. – Capstone Family Medicine – Wasilla
Jeffrey W. Russell, PA-C, MHS – Anchorage
Mary-Beth Gardner, MS FNP – Fairbanks
Richard C. Holm, R.PH – North Pole Prescription Lab. Inc – North Pole
Barbara Norton, CNM,ANP – Geneva Woods Birth Center – Anchorage
Alan S. Bills, DDS – Alaska Center for Dentistry – Wasilla
+ others

Petitioners, in support of SB 306 & HB 434:

Database of 700+ Residents of Alaska (original signature sheets available upon request)

CLYDE B. JENSEN, Ph.D.
December, 2003

CAREER DISTINCTIONS

- Doctoral education in physiology and pharmacology and tenured medical school faculty member.
- America's youngest medical school president at age 32.
- Regarded for expertise in leading higher education institutions through difficult transitions.
- Provided senior leadership to six public and private higher education institutions by age 50.
- Singular person to provide senior leadership at a community college and at colleges of allopathic, osteopathic, naturopathic, and oriental medicine.
- Developing model scientific affairs organization for nutritional supplement industry.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY and SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- | | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| President and Owner | Continuum Biomedical Consultants, Inc.
Portland, Oregon | 2001-Present |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented accredited graduate medical education program to train physician investigators for the dietary supplement industry. • Developed and implemented SYNERGATE, a modified stage/gate new product development process for a multinational nutritional products and herbal medicine alliance. • Formed industry/higher education collaboration for conducting federally funded dietary supplement research and education. • Developed infrastructure for research, governmental affairs and professional relations for nations oldest dietary supplement company. • Developed and currently implementing plans for the establishment of a federal office for integrated medicine. | |
| President
Professor of Pharmacology | National College of Naturopathic Medicine
Portland, Oregon | 1996-2001 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured professional accreditation for Masters Degree in classical Chinese medicine, Doctorate in naturopathic medicine and residency in naturopathic medicine. • Secured candidacy for regional accreditation. • Relocated main campus and major clinics to larger and more suitable facilities. • Established and presided over American Association of Naturopathic Medical Colleges. | |
| Senior Executive
Adjunct Professor of Medicine | University of Oklahoma
College of Medicine – Tulsa
Tulsa, Oklahoma | 1993-1996 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented campus strategic and master plans. • Restructured professional practice plan assisted with implementation of state-wide managed Medicaid. | |
| President (Interim) | Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Miami, Oklahoma | 1992-1993 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilized campus and community relations following tumultuous departure of previous president. • Initiate strategic and fiscal planning process for implementation by permanent president. | |
| President (Interim) | University of Health Sciences
Kansas City, Missouri | 1991-1992 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilized campus following death of previous president. • Developed strategic and campus master plan for implementation by permanent president. | |
| President | Oklahoma State University
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Tulsa, Oklahoma | 1987-1991 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merged free-standing state supported college of osteopathic medicine with land grant university. • Acquired additional property and constructed new and renovated existing campus facilities. | |

President West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine 1981-1987
 Lewisburg, West Virginia

- Increased appropriations to from state legislature.
- Diversified revenues by contracting with other Southern Region Education Board states to train rural physicians.
- Integrated osteopathic graduate medical education into allopathic hospitals.

Assoc. Prof. Pharmacology Oklahoma College of Osteopathic 1974-1981
Director of Research Medicine & Surgery
Dean of Students Tulsa, Oklahoma

SELECTED PART-TIME POSITIONS AND CONSULTING ASSIGNMENTS

Adjunct Professor of Public Health Oregon Health & Science University 2003-Present
 Portland, Oregon

Adjunct Professor of Health Policy Medical College of Wisconsin 2001-Present
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sr. Consultant Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine 1997-1999
 Tempe, Arizona

Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology Rogers State University 1993-1996
 Claremore, Oklahoma

Director of Oklahoma Operations International Medical Technical Consultants 1993-1994
 (IMTCI)
 Overland Park, Kansas

Consultant Ross University College of Medicine 1992
 Dominica

SELECTED LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Led several diverse colleges through difficult periods of transition: 1981-2001
- Testified before state legislative committees: 1981-present
- Restructured state supported medical college to serve multiple states in Appalachian Region: 1981-1987
- Testified before congressional subcommittees regarding student financial aid: 1985
- Merged public Oklahoma medical college with state land grant university: 1987-1991
- Restored harmony to private Kansas City medical college and recruited permanent president: 1991
- Restored order to public Oklahoma Community College in preparation for permanent president: 1992
- Developed professional practice plans for public medical colleges: 1981-1996
- Fostered conventional and complementary medical college collaboration: 1981-present
- Developed GME programs in conventional and complementary medicine: 1983-91 & 1996-99
- Developed industry/education partnerships for research and education: 2001- present
- Presided over research, education, product development, governmental affairs and professional relations for America's oldest dietary supplement company: 2001-present
- Developing federal office of integrated medicine; underway

SELECTED RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Conducted and published basic research in physiology and pharmacology: 1973-1981
- Established medical school offices of research: 1979, 1994, 1996
- Organized and managed medical school institutional review boards: 1994, 1996
- Organized contract research organization for pharmaceutical clinical trials: 1993-1994
- Served as Principal Investigator in Phase III clinical trials: 1993-1994
- Facilitated IRB workshops on behalf of federal Office for Prevention of Research Risk: 1995



February 16, 2004

Daniel J. Young, N.D.
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Eagle River, Alaska 99577-7228

Dear Dr. Young:

In my effort to write a short, crisp letter to Senator Seekins and Representative Holm concerning SB 306 and HB 434, I over simplified an observation pertaining to pharmacology that I wish to correct in this letter.

I said, "Naturopathic medical students receive instruction in minor surgery, obstetrics and pharmacology, but less than allopathic or osteopathic medical students." Medical students (including MD, DO and ND) receive two types of pharmacology instruction. Basic pharmacology is the classroom instruction in which students learn how drugs work, how the body handles them and the conditions for which they are used. Applied pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics is the instruction in the clinic in which students observe as the physician determines which drugs to prescribe and the circumstances under which they are to be administered.

Because naturopathic medical students receive most of their clinical training under the supervision of naturopathic physicians who prescribe few drugs, naturopathic medical students receive less training in applied pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics than do MD or DO students whose supervising physicians are MDs and DOs who frequently prescribe drugs. Instruction in basic pharmacology, however, is similar among MD, DO and ND students.

I hope this will help to clarify any confusion that may have been caused by my previous letter. I will send copies of this letter to Senator Seekins and Representative Holm. I hope you will feel free to share it with others at your discretion.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clyde B. Jensen'.

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D.

Cc. Senator Ralph Seekins
Representative Jim Holm

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February 4, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Alaska State Capital Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Seekins:

I have become aware of the bill entitled "Act Relating to Naturopathic Physicians" now pending before the Alaska state legislature and am writing to volunteer any information and experience that may assist you and your colleagues in your consideration of this bill. I am a medical educator with a Ph.D. in physiology and pharmacology.

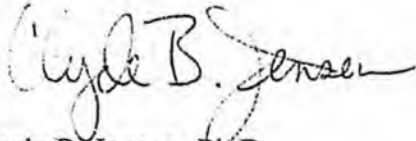
I have had the unique experience of serving as a chief or senior executive officer in colleges of allopathic, osteopathic, naturopathic and oriental medicine, and am frequently called upon to compare their respective educational programs.

The educational experience for MDs, DOs and NDs can be divided into five stages. I will quickly and superficially compare them.

- **Admissions:** ND medical schools currently do not require the MCAT for admissions. In all other respects, the requirements for admission are similar.
- **Basic Biomedical Sciences:** Biochemistry, physiology, anatomy, microbiology and other basic biomedical sciences are presented in similar quantity and intensity in each of the three types of medical schools.
- **Diagnostics:** Each are taught to employ identical outpatient diagnostic technologies. Allopathic and osteopathic medical schools are able to teach inpatient diagnostic technologies to which naturopathic medical students have limited access.
- **Therapeutics:** Naturopathic medical students are taught nutritional, herbal, homeopathic and other low risk modalities to which allopathic and osteopathic medical students receive little exposure. Naturopathic medical students receive instruction in minor surgery, obstetrics and pharmacology, but less than allopathic or osteopathic medical students. Therapeutic training of naturopathic medical students is largely confined to outpatient clinics.
- **Graduate medical education:** At least a year of GME is required of MDs and DOs and this training is typically reimbursed with federal dollars. GME is currently an optional medical education experience for naturopathic physicians. Because federal reimbursement is not provided, naturopathic residency slots currently exist for fewer than 10% of recent naturopathic medical school graduates.

Naturopathic physicians are uniquely prepared to contribute to the delivery of health care in Alaska because of their ability to provide high quality, low risk, out patient care. It is my understanding that the pending legislation may better enable this to occur. I feel so strongly about the goodness of fit between naturopathic medicine and health care to rural, medically underserved populations, that if invited I will volunteer to meet with interested legislators at my own personal expense. Please feel free to call upon me at your discretion.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clyde B. Jensen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D.

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February 17, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Alaska State Capital Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Attn: Senator Seekins

I am writing to support legislative bills HB434 and SB 306, both titled "An act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine."

As a pharmacist and naturopathic physician, I taught pharmacology at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Tempe, Arizona and wrote pharmacology test questions for the naturopathic board exam. I also created the original formulary used in Arizona and later used in Oregon, which included drugs derived from natural sources. As an instructor, I taught students to thoroughly research the warnings and precautions of each drug they prescribed, so they were aware of the possible harm they might cause to their patients. The test questions I wrote required knowledge of pharmacology necessary to protect the public safety. The formulary system, which I have had to practice under, is antiquated and actually has a negative effect on public safety. The formulary forces naturopathic physicians to choose less than optimal drugs over more effective newer medications.

As a provider, I know that naturopathic physicians, like MDs, regularly prescribe a handful of drugs with which they are quite familiar. Unlike medical doctors, naturopathic physicians prescribe medications as a last resort, treat fewer patients each day, and are less likely to place individuals on multiple drug regimens, which lead to interactions and complications. As general practice physicians seeing fewer patients on a daily basis, naturopathic doctors have much more time to research the consequences of drug therapy than do their MD or DO colleagues.

In Oregon, where I practice, medical care has been shifted to nurse practitioners with less education than naturopathic physicians. It is irrational for trained primary care physicians to be limited to non-drug therapies at a time when access to quality health care is becoming scarce. Consequently, I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education and to the full scope of their training. Please support this Bill.

Sincerely,

Rick Chester, ND, RPh, LAc

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January 22, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Representative Jim Holm
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ATTN: Senator Seekins
Representative Holm

I am writing in support of the legislative bill: an "Act Relating to Naturopathic Physicians".

Having practiced family medicine in Alaska for over 13 years, I have gotten to know the medical community well, including a number of naturopathic physicians. I have collaborated with Daniel J. Young N.D., LAc. and Madeleine Morrison-Young, ND of, Eagle River Naturopathic Medical Center regarding mutual patients on numerous occasions. They are highly skilled professionals, and are knowledgeable and competent in the care of our shared patients. Their areas of expertise (naturopathy, homeopathy, Chinese Medicine and acupuncture) are complementary to the allopathic (Western) medicine approach to health. My patients benefit from their care, and express satisfaction with the level of care provided.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice the full scope of naturopathic medicine, commensurate with their education. Such legislation will improve access to effective and safe complementary medical practices and enhance Alaskans' freedom of choice in health care.

Sincerely,

S. Lynn Hornbein, M.D.

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January 23, 2004

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ATTN: Senator Seekins
Representative Holm

I am writing this letter to support the legislative bill regarding an "Act Relating to Naturopathic Physicians". As a physician/MD practicing in Palmer, Alaska I have had the opportunity to share patients with both Drs. Cary Jasper and Tony Smith in Anchorage as well as Dr. Dan Young (of the Eagle River Naturopathic Center). I have found them all to be professional, knowledgeable and competent in the care of our shared patients.

In this era of ever rising health care costs - 1.7 TRILLION dollars as a recent estimate for the cost of health care in the U.S. - the preventive care approach of naturopathic physicians is very valuable in overall health care and the reduction of costs. Their treatments are frequently effective in those cases where conventional approaches have not worked and have far fewer negative effects. We need gentler therapies available.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with education and to the full scope of their training. Such legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska.

Please support this bill. Feel free to call me at the above number.

Sincerely,



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January 21, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Representative Jim Holm
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians." As a medical doctor practicing in the state of Alaska I have had the opportunity to share patients with, and interact with Dr. David Newirth of the Alaska Family Wellness Center, Inc on several occasions. In fact, I have employed him on my staff for the last year. I have found him to be professional, knowledgeable, and competent in the care of our shared patients. In addition, the patients that I have shared with Dr. Newirth have demonstrated satisfaction with the level of care provided.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education, and to the full scope of their training. Such legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare, and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska. Please support this Bill.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, please contact me at 561-9444.

Sincerely,

Michael Fischer MD

CC: The Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physician, Inc.



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February 14, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Representative Jim Holm
Alaska State Capital Building
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ATTN: Senator Seekins, Representative Holm.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to support the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians." As a dentist practicing in the state of Alaska I have had the opportunity to share patients with, and interact with Drs. Dan and Madeleine Young of Eagle River's Naturopathic Medical Center Inc. on several occasions. I have found them to be professional, knowledgeable, and competent in the care of our shared patients. In addition, the patients that I have shared with the Young's have demonstrated satisfaction with the level of care provided. Dr. Dan Young has treated me personally, as a patient, with excellent results.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education, and to the full scope of their training. Such legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare, and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska. Please support this Bill.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, please contact me at Alaskan Family Dental Center LLC, 281 North Main Street, Suite 201, Wasilla, Alaska, 99654.

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Sincerely,


Craig H. Mullett DDS

December 13, 2003

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
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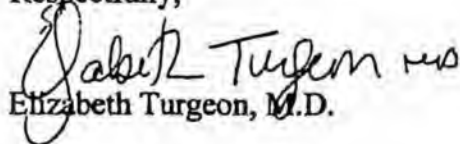
Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

I am writing this letter to support the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians." As a medical doctor practicing in the state of Alaska I have had the opportunity to share patients with, and interact with David Newirth, N.D. In fact, as chief of staff at Cordova Community Medical Center I felt his contributions to patient care merited him obtaining medical staff privileges in Cordova. I have found him to be professional, knowledgeable, competent and well received by patients I have referred to him. With many Alaskans choosing alternatives to allopathic care, I find it very important to have trained, licensed and competent individuals for patients as well as allopathic providers to consult.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education and to the full scope of their practice. Such legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare, and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska. Please support this Bill.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, please contact me at Capstone Family Medicine Clinic, 907-357-9590.

Respectfully,


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November 12, 2003

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
10928 Eagle Rive Road, Ste. 238
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

Dear Ms. Dahlstrom:

I am writing to express my support for the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians." I am a physician assistant in private family practice in Anchorage and have collaborated in the health care of mutual patients with naturopathic physicians Drs. Daniel J. Young and Madeleine Morrison-Young both associated with the Naturopathic Medical Center in Eagle River. My practice experience leads me to recommend complimentary health treatment approaches involving different disciplines of medical practice whenever indicated. Invariably, my clients have benefited from health management performed by Drs. Young and Morrison-Young. My interaction with these naturopathic physicians by phone and in person has repeatedly confirmed their medical competence, knowledge, and professionalism. Our mutual clients have always reported satisfaction with the health care rendered in their clinic.

I support legislation permitting naturopathic physicians to practice appropriate to their education and the expertise developed in their long years of medical school and residency. Such legislation provides Alaskans with fully developed health care resources incorporating safe and effective choices appropriate to their personal philosophies of health management, as well as the benefit of more expeditious and cost effective treatment options. Giving Alaskans health care options that are maximized to their full potential will further advance the effectiveness of the greater community of medical practitioners in the State. I urge you to support this Bill.

If I can provide further perspective on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at Summit Family Practice, (907) 272-3366.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Russell, PA-C, MHS



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Mary-Beth Gardner, FNP, CNM

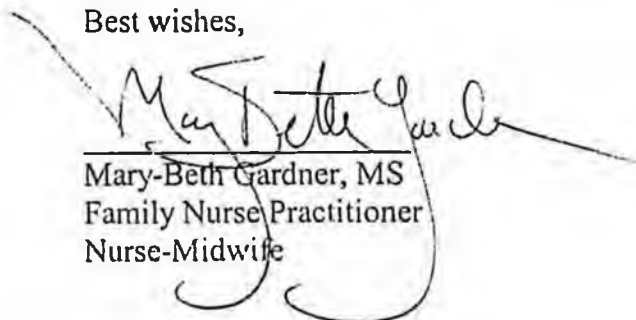
February 16, 2004

The purpose of this letter is to support legislation that grants prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians.

I have practiced as an advanced nurse practitioner for 18 years – 15 years in Alaska. Much evolution in health care delivery has occurred during this time. State of the Art health care practices in the United States now incorporate allopathic (or typical western medicine) and naturopathic treatments for the best patient outcomes. Naturopaths are trained in the application of these two methods. Their ability to practice is hindered by restriction of prescriptive privileges. And, Alaskans' access to this skillful blending of healthcare is limited while prescriptive privileges are withheld.

Please call me if I can provide further information.

Best wishes,


Mary-Beth Gardner, MS
Family Nurse Practitioner
Nurse-Midwife

February 14, 2004

FEB 23 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

ATTN: Senator Seekins (Bill #306)

Dear Senator Seekins,

I am writing this letter to support the legislative Bill #306, an "Act relating to Naturopathic Physicians." As a compounding pharmacist practicing in Alaska, I have had the opportunity to refer patients and interact with Dr. Scott Luper N.D. of the Alaska Center for Natural Medicine in Fairbanks, as well as others on several occasions. I have found them to be professional, knowledgeable, and very competent in the care of our mutual patients. Additionally, these patients not only have demonstrated satisfaction with the level of care provided but clearly have benefited from this care. As a compounding pharmacist I see patients every day that would benefit greatly from the expanded scope of practice this bill would provide. It makes no sense to continue to limit their scope of practice and deny Alaskans the full benefit that can be derived through passage of the present legislation. Many other states have already come to this realization, including our nearest neighbor Washington State. Washington has for a long time now provided this expanded practice to their citizens, with great success and safety.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education, and to the full scope of their training. Such legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare, and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska. Please support this Bill.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, please contact me at:

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Sincerely,



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November 11, 2003

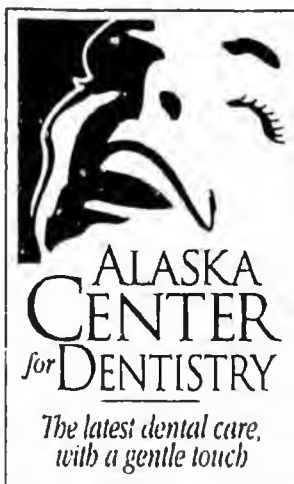
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
10928 Eagle River Road, Ste. 238
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

I am writing this letter to support the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians." As a Nurse Practitioner and midwife in the state of Alaska I have had the opportunity to share patients with, and interact with Dr. Morrison-Young on several occasions. She is professional, knowledgeable, and competent in the care of our shared patients. In addition, the patients that I have shared with Dr. Morrison-Young have demonstrated satisfaction with the level of care that she provides. It seems unnecessary for her to refer patients to me for simple prescriptive items such as birth control pills, hormones, and Fosimax when she herself is well trained to provide these directly to her patients.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education, and to the full scope of their training. Such legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare, and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska. Please support this Legislation.

Sincerely,

Barbara Norton CNM
ANP



February 13, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Alaska State Capital Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

I am writing this letter in support of the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians." As a dentist practicing in the state of Alaska I have had opportunity to share patients with, interact and consult with several of our naturopathic physicians practicing in Alaska; most notably Drs. Madeleine Morrison-Young, Daniel Young and Torrey Smith. I have always found them to be professional and very competent in the care of our shared patients, and to be extremely knowledgeable and an invaluable reference source in furthering my professional knowledge.

I am fully in support of legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice commensurate with their education, and to the full scope of their training. Such legislation offers Alaskans much greater freedom of choice in their healthcare, as well as a much needed improvement in access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in Alaska. Please support this Bill.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, please contact me at my office, or at alan@alaskacenterfordentistry.com

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Senator Ralph Seekins
State Capitol Building, room 125
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Dear Senator Seekins,

As a medical doctor who has specialized in alternative medicine since 1985, I have had numerous occasions to work with naturopathic physicians in Alaska and have worked closely with them as part of our team of providers at my office.

It is unrealistic to expect the State of Alaska's Department of Occupational Licensing to regulate the standards of health care providers such as naturopathic physicians without consultation with their professional association. Physicians are in a much better position to assess the conduct of their peers and hold them to high standards of quality, ethics and professionalism. Even the most enlightened bureaucrat would not possess knowledge of what is customary in naturopathic medical practice and what their training allows them to do safely.

I have watched the naturopathic profession grow in the past 18 years, the demand for a balance between conventional and natural medicine from patients is best assured if the scope of practice of naturopathic physicians is commensurate with their level of training. When patients have to make an appointment to see another provider to obtain a prescription medication when diet, exercise, botanical and other natural medicines are insufficient, it creates a barrier to care that does not serve the health care needs of the patient, especially in remote areas of the state where any kind of licensed health care provider is difficult to come by. Most other states that have licensure for naturopathic physicians have prescription writing authority tied to continuing education requirements in order to protect the public and provide access to comprehensive treatment. Alaska should do the same.

Thank-you for your attention in this important piece of legislation.

Yours in health,

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February 15, 2004

Senator Ralph Seekins
Representative Jim Holm
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

ATTN: Senator Seekins
Representative Holm

I am writing this letter to support the legislative bill an "Act relating to naturopathic physicians". As a practicing RN for over 25 years and a certified therapeutic massage therapist I have had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Dan Young on several occasions. I have found him to be professional, knowledgeable and competent as well as going out of his way to see that patients receive the best possible care.

I support legislation that allows naturopathic physicians to practice in accord with their education, and the full scope of their training. This legislation offers Alaskans freedom of choice in their healthcare, and improved access to effective and safe complementary medical practices. This can only benefit the healthcare community in this great state of Alaska. Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

Eugene N Meiergerd
Eugene N Meiergerd RN, MA, CMT



Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc.

Dedicated to the preservation of quality naturopathic medicine for all Alaskans.

February 25, 2004

Senator Lyda Green, Co-Chair Finance
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Green,

On behalf of the thousands of naturopathy patients that we service in the Eagle River, Mat-Su and South-central Alaska, I would like to thank you for your co-sponsorship of SB306. Your time and attention to this important issue is extremely appreciated.

Thank you for allowing us to respond to the concerns raised to you by Cathy Giessel, MS, FNP-CS. In addition to the answers to her questions noted below, we have provided you with an education and training comparison of all health care professions in Alaska.

Naturopathic medical colleges are four-year postgraduate schools with admissions requirements comparable to those of conventional medical schools. To apply to naturopathic medical school an undergraduate with premedical emphasis is required. A Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine requires four years of graduate level study in the medical sciences: anatomy, biochemistry, cardiology, clinical and physical diagnosis, dermatology, gynecology, immunology, lab diagnosis, microbiology, minor surgery, neurology, obstetrics, pathology, pediatrics, pharmacology, physiology, radiology, as well as other clinical sciences.

In addition to basic and clinical sciences, NDs also receive training in naturopathic therapeutics including; botanical medicine, Chinese medicine and acupuncture, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, natural childbirth, naturopathic manipulation, psychology and counseling, therapeutic nutrition, and other therapies. **Because coursework in natural therapeutics is added to a standard medical curriculum, naturopathic doctors receive significantly more hours of classroom education in these areas than the graduates of many leading medical schools, including Yale, Stanford and Johns Hopkins schools.** This becomes obvious upon examination of the comparison sheets that are enclosed.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to provide a factual response to these questions and to further educate other health care professions in Alaska about the practice of naturopathic medicine. We look forward to working together with all health care professionals to ensure the public safety, welfare, and affordability of quality complementary care for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Daniel Young, ND, LAc.

Daniel J. Young ND, LAc.
Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Inc.
Legislative Task Force

Enc. Comparing Medical Professions in Alaska

Comparison of Educational & Pharmacology Training Allopathic (MD's) and Naturopathic (ND's)

Just as biochemistry is biochemistry, pharmacology is pharmacology. Pharmacology, like biochemistry, is a basic science – usually taught in the first two years of medical school. Pharmacology training for naturopathic doctors is fundamentally the same as the training other primary care doctors receive.

Table 1 (shown below) compares the total hours required of three medical disciplines in the basic sciences, including pharmacology.

Table 2 compares the total hours of clinical clerkships and therapeutics required by six different medical colleges, three naturopathic medical schools and three allopathic (MD) medical schools.

In the 13 states where naturopathic physicians have prescription rights

- ⇒ Naturopathic physicians must graduate from a CNME-approved naturopathic medical college (Federally Approved)
- ⇒ Pass the pharmacology exam as administered by NPLEX (Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination) (Federally Approved)
- ⇒ Be licensed by the state where they practice
- ⇒ Obtain a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration number.
- ⇒ Remain current with continuing education required by the state

With these stringent requirements met, NDs in these states SAFELY prescribe, or administer prescription or controlled substances WHEN THEY NEED TO.

To further assure public safety in Alaska, our regulations will require a mandatory, 60-hour course taught by pharmacists (R.Ph.) and by Pharm.D.s (pharmacists who are also MDs) which focuses on pharmacotherapeutics (the therapeutic use of drugs). This will ensure that naturopathic doctors who graduated long ago will have their knowledge brought up to current provisions.

Table 1. Comparison of Average Number of Hours in Basic Science Instruction

	Allopathic ¹	Osteopathic ²	Naturopathic ³
Anatomy (gross and micro)	380	362	350
Physiology	125	126	250
Biochemistry	109	103	125
Pharmacology	114	108	100
Pathology	166	152	125
Microbiology/Immunology	185	125	175

Sources:

¹Ref. Association of American Medical Colleges Curriculum Directory, 1996-1997.

²Ref. 1996 Statistical Report. Chevy Chase, MD: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

³Ref. State of Oregon. Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Chapter 850. Salem, OR.

Note: Allopathic (MD); Osteopathic (DO); Naturopathic (ND)

Used with Permission; *Common Paths in Medical Education*, Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D., Alternative and Complementary Therapies; August 1997

Table 2: Comparison of major naturopathic and allopathic medical school clinical training

Clerkships and Clinical Therapeutics	National (ND)	Bastyr (ND)	Southwest (ND)	John Hopkins (MD)	Yale (MD)	Stanford (MD)
Total Hours	3120	2833	3050	3391	2891	3897

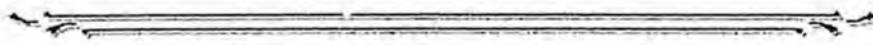
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American Association of American Medical Colleges, Curriculum directory (1996-1997)

National College of Naturopathic Medicine catalogs (1995-1997)

Bastyr University of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences catalogs (1996-98)

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences catalogs (1996 - 1998)


Appendix C
A Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions
In The State of Alaska

Licensed Practical Nurse	9 months to 2 year practical nursing program, the 1 year program being the most common
Registered Nurse	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2-yr. Associate's degree, or • A 3-yr. Diploma program, (hospital based), or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 3-yr. Master's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 4-yr. Nursing Doctorate program
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	<p>In addition to holding a license as a Registered Nurse, an A.R.N.P. completes one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 9 month to 2 year certificate program in specialty, or • A 2 year Master's degree certified in specialty
Physician's Assistant (PA)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree and 18 to 24 months master's degree (must work under the supervision of a physician)
Allopathic Physician (MD)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree in pre-medical and 2 to 5 years of post-graduate training in allopathic medical school; internship, residency
Naturopathic Physician (ND)	4-yr Bachelor's degree with pre-medical/science emphasis and 4 to 5 years post-graduate training in naturopathic medical school; externship required for graduation; residency options becoming more available

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The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski
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Governor Murkowski (the Alaska State Medical Board) urges you and your colleagues in the legislature to defeat House Bill 434 and Senate Bill 306 relating to the practice of "naturopathic medicine" in Alaska.

In a recent teleconference meeting, board members were unanimous in their strong opposition to the proposed legislation for a variety of reasons.

The principles of naturopathy are based on the belief that the body is self-healing, that the patient's "vital force" is restored by ridding the body of "toxins." As scientists, we find this simplistic approach to human ailments to be in direct conflict with the science-based knowledge of body physiology and pathology as taught to allopathic medical physicians (M.D.s) and osteopathic physicians (D.O.s). The danger of this approach is that patients with serious diseases will rely solely on the treatments provided by practitioners of naturopathy ignoring the treatments proven to be safe and effective by a science-based medical physician.

In 1968, in a report entitled "Independent Practitioners under Medicare," the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare concluded:

"Naturopathic theory and practice are not based on the body of basic knowledge related to health, disease, and health care which has been widely accepted by the scientific community. Moreover, irrespective of its theory, the scope and quality of naturopathic education do not prepare the practitioner to make an adequate diagnosis and provide appropriate treatment."

In a paper entitled "Naturopathy: A Monograph," Kimball C. Atwood, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society for the Massachusetts Special Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medical Practitioners, April, 2001, wrote:

"Licensure offers regulation to protect the public. Regulators must hold health professions to a very high standard, since considerable damage can occur as a result of treatment by incompetent practitioners. To be considered a *health* profession, an occupation must be able to demonstrate an objective, scientific, and ethical basis. Naturopathy fails to meet this standard."

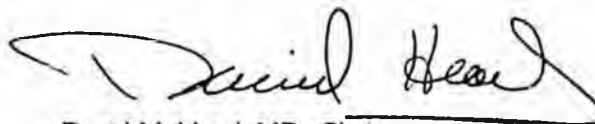
As the regulatory body entrusted with the responsibility for the licensure and discipline of physicians in our state, it is our opinion that the education and training attained by those who practice naturopathy does not prepare them adequately in modern pharmacology nor are they sufficiently trained and skilled to perform surgical procedures. Contrast the four-year education received by the naturopath consisting of two years of didactic training and two years of clinical training against the typically eight to twelve years of education and training received by allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

While some would give the impression that naturopathy is a widely accepted and approved form of health care, only 12 states license naturopaths in this country. The majority of those 12 states do not permit naturopaths to prescribe controlled substances or perform surgeries.

Naturopaths are currently licensed in Alaska. They are regulated but there is no formal, appointed board that provides oversight. With the predominance of remote practice and the lack of on-site supervision or support, it would not serve the Alaskan public well to be in the lead for states to expand the scope of practice for other health care practitioners. In fact, the board believes that the safety of our patients would be at risk.

In the best interests of our patients, we urge you, Governor Murkowski, and our legislators, to defeat these bills.

On behalf of the members of the Alaska State Medical Board, and all physicians in the state, thank you, sir, for your support.



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qualifications. This scope would include the use of natural substances, homeopathic medicine, health care counseling, minor surgery, ordering all necessary diagnostic tests and prescription medications.

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Alaskans need their elected officials to take the steps necessary to assure natural health care is what it should be. It is essential that naturopathic physicians establish standards and scope of practice for their profession here in Alaska. This will improve access to, the safety of, and the quality of naturopathic medicine for Alaskans. Further, it will be accomplished *at absolutely no cost to the State*. Why not allow naturopathic physicians to function fully under the law by supporting the proposed bill?



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Naturopathic Philosophy

*Naturopathic philosophy
finds its origins, at least in
part, in Hippocra-
teachings more than 2000
years old*

According to Hippocrates, the "vis medicatrix naturae" or "the healing power of nature" provides the foundation for the treatment of all disease.

The practice of naturopathic medicine emerges from this and other fundamental Hippocratic principles. These principles are based on the objective

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observation of the nature of health, and disease, and are continuously examined in the modern light of scientific analysis. The principles are:

1. **First, Do No Harm** (*primum non nocere*)

*It doesn't do any good
to go to the doctor and
leave feeling worse.*

The healing process of the body includes the generation of symptoms which are expressions of the body's work to heal itself. Therapeutic intervention should complement this process rather than impede it. It is considered harmful to suppress a symptom that is indicative of healing.

Naturopathic medicine adheres to the following principles to avoid harming the patient:

- ❖ Acknowledge and respect the individual's healing process
- ❖ Use the least intervention necessary to diagnose and treat a condition
- ❖ Avoid, when possible, the harmful suppression of symptoms
- ❖ Utilize methods and medicinal substances which minimize the risk of harmful side effects

2. Identify and Treat the Cause (*tolle causam*)

"We don't just kill the flies,
we clean up the garbage"
- Jared Zeff, ND, LAc.
Dean of National College
of Naturopathic Medicine

Illness does not occur without a cause. Causes occur on several levels, including mental-emotional, physical and spiritual. Underlying causes must be discovered and removed before a person can completely recover from a disease. Symptoms are expressions of the body's healing power but do not cause disease. The naturopathic physician seeks to identify and direct treatment at the underlying root causes of illness, rather than to eliminate or merely suppress symptoms.

3. The Healing Power of Nature (*vis medicatrix naturae*)

"Nature is the healer of all disease."
- Hippocrates, the father of medicine,
circa 2400 years ago

The body has an inherent ability to establish, maintain and restore health. The healing process is ordered and intelligent. The physician's role is to facilitate and augment this process, to identify and remove obstacles to health and to support the creation of a healthy internal and external environment.

4. The Doctor as Teacher (*docere*)

Give a fish, or teach to fish?

It is the responsibility of
both physician and patient
to create a healthier world

In addition to an accurate diagnosis and appropriate intervention, the physician must work to create a healthy, sensitive interpersonal relationship with the patient. A cooperative doctor-patient relationship is in itself therapeutic. The physician's major role is as a catalyst to educate and encourage patients to take responsibility for their own health improvement. It is the patient, not the doctor, who ultimately creates or achieves recovery. The physician must strive to inspire hope as well as understanding in this process.

5. Treat the Whole Person (*in perturbato animo sicut in corpore sanitas esse non potest*)

The whole is greater than
the sum of the parts.

Health and disease are conditions that involve the whole person, involving a complex interaction of emotional, environmental, genetic, mental, physical, social, and spiritual factors. The physician must take all these factors into account. A personalized and comprehensive approach to diagnosis and treatment seeks to establish the harmonious function of all individual aspects, and is essential to prevention of, and recovery from disease.

6. Prevention (*principiis obsta: sero medicina curatur*)

An ounce of prevention is
worth a pound of cure

The ultimate goal of naturopathic medicine is prevention. This is accomplished through education and promotion of lifestyle habits that foster harmony. The physician must assess risk and hereditary susceptibility to disease and make appropriate interventions to

protect the patient. Emphasis is placed on the creation of health as opposed to the fight against disease. Because it is difficult to be healthy in an unhealthy world, it is the responsibility of both physician and patient to create a healthier world in which humanity may thrive.

7. Wellness (*consanescere -sanescere -sanui*)

A modern principle added by the profession in the 20th century

Wellness follows the establishment and maintenance of optimum health and balance. It is the ultimate prevention. Wellness is a state of health, characterized by positive emotion, thought and action. Wellness is inherent in everyone, no matter what conditions disturb their health and balance. If being "well" is experienced by an individual, their condition will respond more quickly to treatment.

Naturopaths vs. Naturopathic Physicians

Are Naturopathic Physicians and Naturopaths the same thing?

There are very significant differences between a Naturopathic Physician and a Naturopath, and since this white paper speaks only about licensed Naturopathic Physicians and not naturopaths, it is important that these distinctions be clearly understood.

"... Defining the term "naturopath " can be a problem. Some mail-order and online schools churn out map-size 'Doctor of Naturopathy' diplomas without requiring a college degree, proficiency in basic science or experience working with patients."

- The Wall Street Journal

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Educational Requirements of Naturopathic Physicians

How do Naturopathic Physicians compare to Physician's Assistants and Nurse Practitioners?

It is interesting to compare the education of naturopathic doctors (N.D.s) to other primary care professions such as physician's assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners. The potency of a Naturopathic physician's education is readily apparent in such a comparison (see Appendix C: A Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions in Alaska).

However, it is not just the number of years of training, (or the *quantity* of education if you will) that qualifies naturopathic physicians, it is the *quality* as well. The education that a university's accredited program gives naturopathic physicians compares impressively to some of America's best known medical schools (see Appendix E: Comparison of Naturopathic and Major Medical Schools).

What specifically are NDs trained in?

In the first two years of their doctoral program, naturopathic physicians receive training in the basic medical sciences that includes anatomy, biochemistry, clinical and physical diagnosis, embryology, genetics, histology, laboratory diagnosis, pathology, physiology, and radiology. The next two years provide Naturopathic Physician candidates supervised clinical training in cardiology, gastroenterology, gynecology, homeopathy, minor surgery, nutrition, obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics, pharmacognosy, pharmacology, pulmonology, and urology. After graduating, naturopathic physicians demonstrate their entry level clinical safety by passing the intensive exams issued by the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination Board (NPLEX).



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Throughout the four years doctoral program, NDs also receive training in naturopathic therapeutics, including botanical medicine, homeopathy, natural childbirth, acupuncture, hydrotherapy, naturopathic manipulative therapy, therapeutic nutrition, and other therapies. Because coursework in natural therapeutics is added to a standard medical curriculum, naturopathic doctors receive significantly more hours of classroom education in these areas than the graduates of many leading medical schools, including Yale, Stanford and Johns Hopkins schools (see Appendix E: Comparison of Naturopathic and Major Medical Schools).

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The Reemergence of Naturopathic Medicine

*The winter of modern
Naturopathic Medicine*

From 1938 - 1970, naturopathic medicine weathered a cold, dark season. The introduction of "miracle" drugs such as penicillin, a cultural infatuation with technology, World War II's stimulation of the development of surgery, lack of insurance coverage and lost court battles all contributed to the elimination of government funding for naturopathic education. In addition, the growing antagonism and political sophistication of the AMA under the leadership of Morris Fishbein, (editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*), coupled with the death of Benedict Lust, MD, DO (*the "father" of naturopathic medicine*) in 1945, resulted in a decline of naturopathic medicine and natural healing in the United States. One by one naturopathic colleges closed as admissions, popularity, and funding dwindled. This decline was so steep that the last remaining college – The National College of Naturopathic Medicine – graduated only 70 students from 1956 to 1976. In time, mainstream medicine's limitations and its expense was recognized. Modern science began to reveal reasons why natural medicines and healing methods work. Increasingly, naturopathic modalities such as diet, nutrition, lifestyle modification, stress reduction, exercise, toxin reduction, and prevention were embraced by the American people. The re-establishment of trust and credibility through government accreditation of naturopathic educational institutions, adjoined with the licensing of naturopathic physicians, has once again granted naturopathic medicine its place along side mainstream medicine. *(For a more comprehensive history, please see Appendix O).*

Lawmakers' Support for Safe Medical Practices

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Naturopathic physicians are well-trained as primary care physicians, and they deserve to be regulated as such!

Why not allow naturopathic physicians to function fully under the law by supporting the proposed bill – especially if it can be achieved at *absolutely no cost to the State?*

Appendix A:
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)



Can anyone with an ND degree practice naturopathic medicine anywhere, or do they have to obtain licensure in their own state or province?

Graduates from naturopathic medical schools must pass the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Exam (NPLEX) in order to be licensed by a state or jurisdiction as a primary care general practice physician. Additionally, candidates for full licensure must also satisfy all licensing requirements for the individual state or province in which they hope to practice.

How much hands-on experience treating patients do ND students gain?

For at least the final two years of their medical program, students intern in clinical settings under the close supervision of licensed professionals for a minimum of 1500 hours.

Do NDs typically find positions in complementary medicine clinics, or follow other health-related career paths?

Some ND graduates choose to work in integrative or private practice clinics, while others establish their own private practices. There is also a huge demand for naturopathic physicians in the natural product industry, as well as in the insurance reimbursement arena. Many take teaching positions or become public health administrators, research scientists, or consultants to other organizations.

How popular is complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) among the public?

Sixty-eight percent of adults have used at least one kind of alternative or complementary therapy. In hospitals and integrative clinics, treating ailments from menopause to cancer, public use of CAM is on the rise.

Do NDs base their diagnoses and treatments primarily on ancient healing practices or on current medical and scientific break-through, or both?

Today's naturopathic physicians artfully blend modern, cutting-edge diagnostic and therapeutic procedures with ancient and traditional methods. These physicians are succeeding in their goal to present the world with a healing paradigm founded on a rational balance of tradition, science and respect for nature.

Because naturopathic physicians believe in understanding patients from the cellular-level up, they actively pursue the latest biochemical findings relating to the workings of the body and the dynamics of botanical medicines, nutrition, homeopathy and other natural therapies. Their diagnoses and therapeutics are increasingly supported by scientific evidence.

What academic prerequisites are required to enter naturopathic medical school?

For admission into most naturopathic medicine programs, students must have completed three years of pre-medical training and earned a bachelor of science degree.

What qualities do admissions counselors look for in prospective naturopathic medical students?

Counselors look for high-level critical thinkers who demonstrate integrity, curiosity, motivation, concern for others and a strong belief in the efficacy of natural medicine.

What is the accreditation system for naturopathic medical programs and schools?

The U.S. Department of Education grants accreditation for naturopathic medical colleges and universities. The Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) grants accreditation for naturopathic medicine programs within academic institutions.

What do ND students learn about allopathic medicine?

All licensed naturopathic physicians have attended four-year graduate-level programs at accredited institutions, where they have been educated in the same basic sciences as allopathic physicians. Some American Association of Naturopathic Medical College (AANMC) member schools actually require more hours of basic and clinical science than many top allopathic medical schools.

What kind of participation or interaction do NDs have with the allopathic medical community?

Because they view natural remedies as both complementary and primary, NDs cooperate with other medical professionals, referring patients to allopathic medical doctors, surgeons and other specialists whenever appropriate.

What is the typical ND-patient relationship like?

Naturopathic physicians encourage patients to take personal responsibility for their own health. They support patients by teaching them the steps necessary to create and monitor their own wellness.

Naturopathic physicians strive to find the underlying cause of a patient's illness, rather than treat only symptoms. Recognizing that each body is unique, naturopathic doctors tailor their treatments to meet the individual needs of each patient.

NDs honor the healing power of nature as one of the six fundamental principles of natural medicine.

What's the typical patient schedule of an ND?

To allow for thoughtful, in-depth exchanges with each patient, NDs spend more time with their patients. NDs make it top priority to take enough time to learn about each patient, his/her family, and his/her life and lifestyle outside of the doctor's office.

Initial appointments are likely to last for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Follow up appointments range from 15 minutes to 60 minutes depending on the complexity of the case, or the therapeutic modality applied.

ND's typically see around 10 to 15 patients per day.

Appendix B:
Quality of Education



All candidates for admission to a naturopathic medical program must possess a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university. Premedical coursework is required in biology, chemistry, organic chemistry and physics. In addition, candidates must complete courses in social science and humanities.

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Founded in 1978, the CNME receives its authority from the U.S. Department of Education and is recognized by all naturopathic physician-licensing boards in the United States and Canada. To achieve accreditation status, a program must substantially meet or exceed all CNME standards. The initial step for an institution seeking accreditation is to first seek recognition as a candidate. While this does not ensure eventual accreditation, it indicates that the program has achieved a significant level of educational quality and stability and that it has demonstrated the potential for achieving full accreditation within a reasonable time. Communicating status is available to foreign naturopathic medical programs that meet the same standards.

The CNME's membership includes representatives from the national professional association for licensable naturopathic physicians (American Association of Naturopathic Physicians), the various state naturopathic associations, the Federation of Naturopathic Licensing Boards, and the public, with one representative from each CNME recognized college (institutional members). The full Council is responsible for setting standards and policy.

Post-Secondary Education Commission

In addition to accreditation by the CNME, naturopathic medical colleges must have accreditation from the Post-Secondary Education Commission in the state in which the college is located and from the individual state naturopathic licensing boards.

The Commission on Accreditation is responsible for administering the evaluation process and making accreditation decisions. The Commission uses institutional self-studies, followed by on-site campus visits to evaluate the quality of the education provided. Site visit teams are specially trained and have broad experience in education, accreditation and naturopathic medicine. The Commission renders its decision based on the reports of the visits, along with materials provided by the institution. Evaluations of programs may be conducted jointly with a regional accrediting agency, although decisions are made separately.

The Commission on Accreditation, consisting of the Council members but not the institutional members, is responsible for administering the evaluation process and making accreditation decisions. (Peterson's Guide to Graduate Programs in Business, Education, Health, and Law, 1992)

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Naturopathic Medical School Curriculum

To obtain a naturopathic medical degree (N.D.) that qualifies the recipient to sit for a licensing examination in a state with a licensing board and standards of practice, students must attend a 4-year medical program following a minimum of three years of standard pre-medical education.

Clinical Internship and Residencies

Students of naturopathic medicine receive clinical experience in an environment that best duplicates the actual private practice of naturopathic medicine.

In the third and fourth years of school, students of naturopathic medicine receive *approximately 1500 hours supervised by licensed physicians in clinical internships and preceptorships*. This is primarily in outpatient clinics. This is the most appropriate training ground, as the clinic environment best resembles the actual private practice of naturopathic medicine. However, there also exists an increasing number of

hospital inpatient training programs. The patient populations of these teaching clinics reflect the diversity of the general population and their accompanying health problems. In these clinics students see and treat acute conditions, addictions, allergies, chronic conditions; geriatrics, gynecology, minor trauma, muscular-skeletal conditions, obstetrics, pediatrics, and psychological conditions.

Increasingly, graduates are taking advantage of the growing number of the postgraduate residencies and clerkships that are available. These include such residencies as general medicine, natural childbirth, acupuncture, and homeopathy.

Naturopathic medicine is at the forefront of the complementary healthcare movement as it evolves today, and naturopathic physicians are the most comprehensively trained doctors of natural medicine.

Appendix C:
A Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions in The State of Alaska



Licensed Practical Nurse	9 months to 2 year practical nursing program, the 1 year program being the most common
Registered Nurse	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2-yr. Associate's degree, or • A 3-yr. Diploma program, (hospital based), or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 3-yr. Master's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 4-yr. Nursing Doctorate program
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner:	In addition to holding a license as a Registered Nurse, an A.R.N.P. completes one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 9 month to 2 year certificate program in specialty, or • A 2 year Master's degree certified in specialty
Physician's Assistant (PA)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree and 18 to 24 months master's degree (must work under the supervision of a physician)
Allopathic Physician (MD)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree in pre-medical and 4 to 5 years of post-graduate training in allopathic medical school; internship, residency
Naturopathic Physician (ND)	4-yr Bachelor's degree with pre-medical/science emphasis and 4 to 5 years post-graduate training in naturopathic medical school; externship required for graduation; residency options becoming more available

Appendix D:
Comparison of Naturopathic Governance In Licensed States



State	Scope of Practice	Board Membership	Date of Inception
Alaska	No obstetrics No minor surgery No prescription rights No right to lab tests or diagnostic tests	No professional board Under supervision of Occupational Licensing Board No Naturopathic Members	At 1987
Arizona	Full prescription rights except schedule 1 prescription	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1940
California	Full practice rights All natural & synthetic hormones; epi for anaphylaxis Prescription under MD, DO (under 2 year study)	Zero cost bureau under DCA 3 Naturopathic Physicians 3 Medical Physicians 3 Public Members	January 1, 2004 Note: original law sunset
Connecticut	Full practice rights No prescription rights	2 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1949
Hawaii	Full practice rights Drug formulary	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1937
Maine	Full practice rights Drug formulary	Alternative medicine board combining acupuncturists and naturopathic physicians 2 naturopathic doctors 2 acupuncturists 1 allopathic physician (MD or DO) 1 pharmacist 1 public member	At 1996
Montana	Full practice rights Drug formulary	Complimentary Medical Board combining naturopathic physicians and midwives 2 naturopathic physicians 2 midwives 2 public members 1 MD obstetrician	At 1991
New Hampshire	Full practice rights Drug formulary	4 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1990
Oregon	Full practice rights Drug formulary	4 naturopathic physicians 1 public member	Before 1940
Utah	Full practice rights Drug formulary	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	At 1997
Vermont	Full practice rights Drug formulary	2 naturopathic physicians 1 administrator	At 1996
Washington	Full practice rights Drug formulary No cancer treatment	3 naturopathic physicians 2 public members	Before 1950

Appendix E:
Comparison of Naturopathic And Major Medical Schools



	National	Bastyr	Southwest	John Hopkins	Yale	Stanford
Basic and Clinical Sciences Anatomy, Cell Biology, Physiology, Pathology, Neuroscience, Clinical / Physical Diagnosis, Histology, Genetics Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Lab Diagnosis, Pharmacognosy, Public Health, History, Philosophy, Ethics, Research and other coursework.	1548	1639	1419	1771	1420	1383
Clerkships (1) and Allopathic Therapeutics Lecture and Clinical Instruction in Dermatology, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Neurology, Surgery (2), Ophthalmology, and Clinical Electives.	2244	1925	1920	3391	2891	3897
Advanced Naturopathic Therapeutics	--	44	20	--	--	--
Ayurvedic Medicine	--	22	20	--	--	--
Botanical Medicine	96	110	120	--	--	--
Counseling (4)	144	143	100	--	--	--
Homeopathy	144	88	140	--	--	--
Hydrotherapy	48	39	40	--	--	--
Naturopathic Case Analysis / Management (5)	--	66	120	--	--	--
Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy	156	176	180	--	--	--
Naturopathic Medicine						
Naturopathic Philosophy	72	55	60	--	--	--
Oriental Medicine	72	33	200	--	--	--
Therapeutic Nutrition (3)	144	132	130	--	--	--
Subtotals:	876	908	1130	0	0	0
Total Reported Hours:	4668	4472	4469	5162	(+ thesis) 4311	5280

1. Clerkships are estimated to be 40 hours of mixed lecture and clinical training.
2. Naturopathic Physicians study minor surgery only.
3. No dedicated coursework in therapeutic nutrition appears in the college catalogs of Hopkins, Yale or Stanford, although they indicate that the subject is addressed in other courses.
4. Totals for John Hopkins, Yale and Stanford are included in psychiatry coursework.
5. Hours which could also be allocated to this category may be included elsewhere for some institutions because of terminology differences in the course

Sources: 1996-97 *Curriculum Directory* of the American Association of American Medical Colleges
1995-97 catalog of National College of Naturopathic Medicine
1996-98 catalog of Bastyr University
1996-97 catalog of Southwestern College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences

Appendix F:
The Modern Naturopathic Physician



Naturopathic doctors (NDs) are primary care physicians clinically trained in natural therapeutics.

Today's naturopathic physician easily blends modern, state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and research with ancient and traditional methods of healing, thus representing a thoroughly rational, evenhanded balance of tradition, science and respect for nature, mind, body and spirit.

Naturopathic medicine's rebirth in the last quarter of the twentieth century has also resulted from a growing consumer movement to solve the health care puzzle by using prevention, wellness and respect for nature's inherent healing ability. These fundamental, unifying principles of naturopathic medicine can be identified in disciplines as diverse as constitutional hydrotherapy and homeopathy, as well as those more traditional in the Western view of health care, such as nutrition and botanical medicine.

Naturopathic practice is based on the same basic bio-medical science foundation that allopathic (M.D.) practice is, however, their philosophy and approach differs considerably. In addition to using the same diagnostic examination and testing that allopathic medicine offers, the naturopathic medicine embraces a broad array of treatment modalities. These include, but are not limited to, botanical medicine, clinical nutrition, counseling, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, and physical manipulation. The treatment chosen is based on individual patient need, not on the generality of symptoms. This approach has proven successful in treating both acute and chronic conditions.

The U.S. Department of Labor defines the naturopathic physician as one who:

"Diagnoses, treats, and cares for patients, using a system of practice that bases its treatment of all physiological functions and abnormal conditions on natural laws governing the body, utilizes physiological, psychological and mechanical methods, such as air, water, heat, earth, phytotherapy (treatment by use of plants), electrotherapy, physiotherapy, minor or official surgery, mechanotherapy, naturopathic corrections and manipulation, and all natural methods or modalities, together with natural medicines, natural processed foods, herbs, and natural remedies. Excludes major surgery, therapeutic use of x-ray and radium, and use of drugs, except those assimilatable substances containing elements or compounds which are compounds of body tissues and are physiologically compatible to body processes for maintenance of life."

Naturopathic Medical Practice

Most naturopathic physicians provide primary care natural medicine through office-based, private practice. Many receive additional training in other disciplines or modalities such as; acupuncture and Chinese medicine, Ayurvedic medicine, botanical medicine, homeopathy, manipulation, nutrition obstetrics, or psychotherapy to broaden the services they can offer their patients. An increasing trend is the establishment of associate practices and interdisciplinary integrated care clinics, bringing together the services of a diverse group of practitioners.

Clinical Research

Naturopathic diagnosis and therapeutics are supported by scientific research drawn from peer-reviewed journals from many disciplines, including naturopathic medicine, conventional medicine, European complementary medicine, clinical nutrition, phytotherapy, pharmacognosy, homeopathy, psychology and spirituality. Information technology and new concepts in clinical outcomes assessment are particularly well-suited to evaluating the effectiveness of naturopathic treatment protocols and are being used in research at naturopathic medical schools and in the offices of practicing physicians. Clinical research into natural therapies has become an increasingly important focus for naturopathic physicians. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) continues to fund medical research at leading naturopathic medical colleges.

Scope of Practice

Naturopathic physicians (ND) practice as primary care providers. They see patients of all ages, from all walks of life, suffering from every known disease. They make a conventional Western diagnosis using standard diagnostic procedures such as physical examination, laboratory testing and radiology. However, they also make a pathophysiologic diagnosis using physical and laboratory procedures to assess nutritional status, metabolic function and toxic load. In addition, a considerable amount of time is spent assessing the patient's mental, emotional, social and spiritual status. Therapeutically, NDs use virtually every known natural therapy: acupuncture, botanical medicine, dietetics, exercise therapy, homeopathy, hydrotherapy, lifestyle counseling, manipulative therapy, physical therapy, psychology, therapeutic nutrition, and family counseling.

Depending on individual state law, naturopathic physicians can perform outpatient minor surgery, administer vaccinations and prescribe controlled and prescription drugs. Naturopathic physicians meet public health requirements and work with a referral network of specialists, just like a family practice medical doctor.

With this scope of practice, naturopathic physicians have the tools to tailor treatment to the whole person rather than using multiple, expensive and confusing referrals. However, the naturopathic physician is taught to know when referral for specialized diagnostics or therapeutics is necessary.

✓ Botanical Medicine

Naturopathic physicians use plant material for food, medicine and the promotion and maintenance of health. Many plant substances are powerful medicines. Where chemically derived drugs (often isolated from plants or synthetic) may address only a single problem, botanical medicines are able to address a variety of problems simultaneously. When properly utilized, most botanical medicines can be applied effectively with only a minimal likelihood of side effects. Formal naturopathic medical training includes plant identification, preparation, storage, therapeutic indications, contraindications, interactions and dosing. There is extensive contemporary medical literature on medicinal and healing plants

✓ Clinical Nutrition

Food is the best medicine and is a cornerstone of naturopathic practice. Many medical conditions can be treated more effectively with foods and nutritional supplements than they can by other means, with

fewer complications and less side effects. N.D.s use diet, natural hygiene, fasting, and nutritional supplementation in their practices.

"The discovery of vitamins, minerals and deficiency diseases in the early part of the 20th century began to provide a scientific understanding of clinical nutrition. The realization that enzyme systems were dependent on essential nutrients provided the naturopathic profession with great insights into the importance of an organically grown, whole foods diet for health. Nutritional biochemist Roger Williams' formulation of the concept of "biochemical individuality" in 1955 further developed insights into the unique nutritional needs of each individual, how to correct in-born errors of metabolism, and even how to treat specific diseases through the use of nutrient-rich foods or large dosages of specific nutrients. Linus Pauling, two-time Nobel Prize winner, coined the concept of orthomolecular medicine, and provided further theoretical substantiation for the use of nutrients as therapeutic agents." (*Fundamentals of Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, Marc S. Micozzi, MD, PhD, Churchill Livingstone Inc., 1996, p. 172)

Naturopathic physicians are the only health care professionals that meet and exceed the recommendations of ex-U.S. Surgeon General Koop for education in nutrition.

✓ **Counseling**

Naturopathic physicians often spend one, to one and a half hours with a patient on the initial visit. They gather a thorough family, medical, and social history. Information about diet, exercise, habits, lifestyle, relaxation, relationships, and stress is assessed. The patient is asked when each symptom began and what was happening in his or her life at the time. It is essential to determine the cause, or causes of the symptoms, and to identify the obstacles that keep the patient from regaining their health. This history is essential to the naturopathic physician who knows that mental attitude and emotional states influence, or even cause physical illness. Counseling, biofeedback, nutrition, stress management, and other mind/body therapies are often employed to help patients heal psychologically.

✓ **Delegation of Authority (labs, nurses, physical therapists, etc.)**

Naturopathic physicians perform physical exams, order blood tests, urine tests, dietary and nutritional assessments or other diagnostic tests to establish a diagnosis. If the patient has seen another physician, they request a copy of previous medical records. NDs, like MDs, need the authority to write orders to labs and other health care providers to best serve their patient's needs.

✓ **Diagnostic Imaging**

Naturopathic physicians access diagnostic imaging tools used in general practice. These include ultrasound, computerized tomographic (CT) scans, mammography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), x-ray, etc. Naturopathic physicians are trained to follow the reports and refer appropriately, as would any primary care physician.

✓ **Homeopathic Medicine**

Homeopathic medicine is based on the principle of "like cures like." Homeopathy utilizes medicines made from natural substances that stimulate the body's immune system to initiate the healing process.

Clinical observation indicates that homeopathy works on a subtle, yet powerful, energetic level, gently acting to promote healing on the physical, mental, and spiritual levels. Naturopathic medical schools teach homeopathic therapeutics to the same high standard of Canadian or European schools, as a standard part of the curriculum.

✓ **Hydrotherapy**

Hydrotherapy is the use of hot and cold water for the maintenance of health and treatment of disease. These therapies stimulate circulation, hygiene and the immune system. Naturopathic medicine is in part rooted in the centuries old, and still thriving European hydrotherapy movement.

The best known American hydro-therapist was John Harvey Kellogg, a medical doctor who approached hydrotherapy scientifically and performed many experiments to determine the physiological effects of hot and cold water. His book, *Rational Hydrotherapy*, is considered one of the definitive texts on the therapeutic effects of water. It also has an extensive discussion of the actual techniques.

✓ **Laboratory Diagnosis**

Naturopathic physicians are trained in the use of routine diagnostic laboratory tests commonly used in general practice. Blood tests, biopsies, microbiology, and pathology studies are all used when appropriate. Although trained to actually perform these tests, naturopathic physicians usually order these from reputable laboratories. Highly specialized diagnostics and lab tests are generally referred. NDs also analyze physiological (blood, urine, hair, saliva) and lifestyle (stress, diet, and sleep) factors in diagnosis and treatment.

✓ **Minor Surgery**

Naturopathic physicians do in-office minor surgery, including repair of superficial wounds and removal of foreign bodies, cysts, and superficial lesions.

✓ **Naturopathic Obstetrics/Gynecology**

Naturopathic physicians that are trained in obstetrics, provide natural childbirth care in an out-of-hospital setting. They offer prenatal and postnatal care using modern diagnostic techniques combined with ancient midwifery wisdom. The naturopathic approach strengthens healthy body functions so that complications associated with pregnancy may be prevented.

Naturopathic physicians are also skilled in gynecology and procedures related to woman's health including physical exams, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. They know when to refer to a gynecologist for consultation or surgery.

✓ **Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture**

Oriental medicine offers a healing philosophy that is complementary to naturopathic medicine. In addition, Oriental medical theory offers important understanding of the mind-body connection and adds to the Western understanding of physiology. Naturopathic physicians receive basic training in Oriental medical philosophy and acupuncture.

Those who wish to practice Traditional Chinese Medicine are encouraged to meet the competency requirements of, and be certified by the National Certification Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) that regulates the practice of acupuncture in this country. Many naturopathic physicians continue studies and become certified as Licensed Acupuncturists (LAc.).

✓ **Physical Medicine**

Naturopathic medicine has its own methods of therapeutic manipulation of soft tissue, muscles, bones, and spine known as Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy (NMT). The training of naturopathic physicians in NMT and physical medicine is extensive. Students receive approximately 350 hours of instruction, of which 132 hours are devoted strictly to hands-on learning of manipulative technique. Elective course work is also available for students wishing to further their skills in this area.

Naturopathic physicians may also use diathermy, electrical stimulation, exercise, heat and cold, massage, ultrasound, and water in patient care.

✓ **Prescriptive Rights**

The curriculum of naturopathic medical school includes extensive training in clinical pharmacology (the study of drugs) as well as in clinical pharmacognosy (the study of plant medicines). Courses cover the use of "legend drugs" (those that require a prescription), nonprescription agents, antibiotics, antifungals, anti-inflammatories, antiseptics, hormones, pain relievers as well as vitamins and minerals. Naturopathic physicians are trained to use drugs only when necessary, and most of what they prescribe is usually based on naturally derived substances. Naturopathic physicians are eligible to apply for DEA licenses in most licensed.

✓ **Venipuncture**

Although naturopathic physicians are skilled in Venipuncture, or drawing blood, they often have a nurse or phlebotomist perform this function in their offices.

For more information about naturopathic scope of practice, refer to *Fundamentals of Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, edited by Marc S. Micozzi, MD, PhD and published by Churchill Livingstone Inc in 1996.

Appendix G:
The Scientific Basis for Naturopathic Medicine



- There have been 3,500 randomized clinical studies on natural medicine published in the past 10 years.
- The "Textbook of Natural Medicine" contains over 10,000 citations to the peer reviewed scientific literature documenting the efficacy of naturopathic therapies.
- One of the commonly used botanical medicines used by naturopathic physicians, ginkgo biloba, has been subject to 450 published research studies, 250 of which were clinical studies.
- NDs use standard scientific diagnostic tools to assess and monitor patients, including physical exams, laboratory tests and diagnostic imaging.
- "Naturopathic medical college prepares NDs with a biological and biomedical education of the same breath and depth that prepares an MD to be primary care physicians."
— *Oregon Office of Educational Policy and Planning*
- "Lifestyle modifications is the only effective modality for preventing and reversing chronic degenerative disease."
— *The Kellogg Report - The Impact of Nutrition, Environment, and Lifestyle of Americans; Beasley, Swift 1989*

The Demand for Research

- Recent estimates of CAM use in the United States range from 40% of the populace (*Astin, J: Why patients use alternative medicine: JAMA, May 20, 1998:279:1548-1553*) to as high as 69% (*Stanford University/American Specialty Health Plan, National Consumer Survey, Reported 9/18/98*). This high, consistent public demand continues due to the efficacy, safety and cost-effectiveness of CAM practices.
- The most frequently used argument against complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) is that there is not a scientific base for CAM practice decisions. The so-called "quackbusters" demand scientific studies which are done in their model of double blind, placebo controlled, single agent, randomized, crossover clinical trials. However, a growing body of research indicates that even mainstream practices do not, and cannot meet the same demand for their scientific standards.
- Milliman and Robertson (M&R), a national healthcare consulting firm that has developed widely utilized "Healthcare Management Guidelines" has issued a bulletin and website update to clarify usage of their guidelines. The information provides insight into the process for development of these tools, which assist health care systems in both clinical and economic management of care. M&R's research puts the proportion of current healthcare practices supported by controlled scientific studies at about 15% (*Healthcare Management Guidelines: Questions and Answers; Milliman and Robertson Corporate Website, 1998*).

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- It is unreasonable to demand that CAM providers demonstrate, without similar access to funding, the kind of research findings that have taken more than 50 years and untold billions of government, industry and privately donated dollars to develop for conventional medicine.
 - New research methodologies, priorities and funding, such as those mandated for the National Center on Complementary and Alternative Medicine are needed to study complex CAM models.

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Appendix I:
May 2003 AKANP Letter to Alaska Legislators

May 6, 2003



Representative _____
District 25, Eagle River/Chugiak
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Representative _____,

The Alaska Association of Naturopathic Physicians invites you to support a bill that would ensure the safe and complete practice of naturopathic medicine in Alaska.

Naturopathic physicians treat patients from every part of Alaska -- from Nome to Tok, and from Barrow to Ketchikan. Most have located their practices in Anchorage, but many practice in locations along the Kenai Peninsula, in the interior and in Southeast Alaska.

Naturopathic physicians undergo four years of undergraduate pre-professional training followed by an intensive four year doctoral program emphasizing both academic and clinical studies. In the first two years they receive training in the basic medical sciences that include anatomy, biochemistry, clinical and physical diagnosis, embryology, genetics, histology, laboratory diagnosis, pathology, physiology, and radiology. The next two years provide supervised clinical training in cardiology, gastroenterology, gynecology, homeopathy, minor surgery, nutrition, obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics, pharmacognosy, pharmacology, pulmonology, and urology. After graduating naturopathic physicians demonstrate their entry level clinical safety by passing the intensive exams issued by the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination Board (NPLEX).

Naturopathic medical schools, of which there are four in the United States (and two in Canada), are accredited in North America by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). The CNME issues a bulletin twice a year giving the accrediting status of each of the institutions it is engaged with. Two of these schools (NCNM and Bastyr) are currently involved in research studies that have been funded by the National Institutes of Health.

What defines the practice of naturopathic medicine is the philosophy. We recognize the central importance of the healing power of the body, and of nature. We believe that each one of us has the capacity to be healthy and to heal. Our primary goal as physicians is to locate and remove the obstacles to that good health. We usually run diagnostic tests to find these obstacles. We work primarily within the foundations of health -- specifically, diet, exercise, nutrition, sleep, and ultimately common sense to help our patients. We are trained in the judicious administration of a wide array of medications, botanical and pharmaceutical, to kill pathogens, support function and relieve pain while working with the foundations of our patient's health. In addition, we know when, and how to refer to specialists for patients who require immediate or further medical intervention.

Put simply, we are well trained as primary care physicians. We deserve the right to highlight our credentials, and assume our role in providing low cost, safe and effective naturopathic healthcare to Alaskans. Furthermore, naturopathic physicians are the utmost authority on natural products and natural medications. We are skilled in preventing interactions that may occur if natural products are

inappropriately combined with pharmaceuticals. We are often consulted by pharmacists and other healthcare practitioners about the natural substances that Alaskans are using.

The purpose of our bill is to improve the safe practice and standards for the naturopathic profession here in Alaska. We want to assure future Alaskans access to the full scope of high quality, safe naturopathic medical services. Every part of the proposed law is written with this in mind. Let me review the main points:

Creation of a zero cost Naturopathic Medical Board - this board will establish a mechanism for maintaining public safety. It will oversee admission into the profession, continuing education, and investigating complaints.

Establishes scope of practice commensurate with naturopathic medical education including the use of natural substances, homeopathic medicine, health care counseling, minor surgery, and prescription medications.

Confirms our right to order diagnostic tests such as blood chemistries, radiology, CT Scans, MRI, ultrasound etc.

Establishes public health rights and responsibilities.

Establishes a continuing education requirement of 45 hours every 2 years, of which 15 is pharmacy.

Establishes requirements for licensure in Alaska, including a mandatory 60 hour continued education requirement in pharmacy for those Alaskan naturopathic physicians who wish to apply for a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate (DEA License).

Alaskans want access to complementary health care. Our profession has experienced a 30% increase in the last 2 years. The growing shortage of physicians of all disciplines confronts all Alaskans but, especially those in rural areas. Naturopathic physicians that are able to function fully under the law can provide another option for rural Alaskans. New naturopathic physicians are moving to Alaska for the opportunity and lifestyle this great state provides. We respectfully ask you to support us in our efforts to establish safe, comprehensive and quality naturopathic healthcare in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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Appendix J:
Insurance and Naturopathic Medicine



Patient Health Insurance

- More than 90 insurance carriers cover naturopathic medicine in the United States and Canada.
- Over 70 companies, unions and state organizations have health plans that cover naturopathic medical services.
- Most people (67%) believe the availability of alternative care is an important selection criteria in their choice of a health plan (*Landmark Report on Public Perceptions of Alternative Care*, 1998, Landmark Healthcare, Inc.).
- Nearly one-half of adults in the US say they would be willing to increase their monthly health care expenses in order to have access to alternative care (*Landmark Report on Public Perceptions of Alternative Care*, 1998, Landmark Healthcare, Inc.).
- Audits of naturopathic services and surveys of insurance companies have indicated that naturopathic medicine is less expensive than conventional care, perhaps by as much as half. (*Naturopathic Medicine: Contribution to Health Care Reform*, 1993 American Association of Naturopathic Physicians).

The states of Hawaii, Arizona and Connecticut require insurance parity for naturopathic physicians. In the state of Montana the insurance commissioner's policy is that if coverage for primary care is provided, naturopathic physicians must be covered as the law defines them as practicing a primary care system of medicine. In Washington state, Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn has mandated this coverage.

The Hawaii state Auditor's office hired an actuarial firm, the Wyatt Company, which surveyed 24 underwriters of indemnity medical plans. Wyatt found that most companies do not raise their rates in states where naturopathic physicians are included. Those companies that do raise their rates typically charge an extra one to three cents a month on private plans, and nothing extra on group plans. The report also concludes:

"Wyatt reports that some carriers feel plans that include naturopathic services will save money. Naturopathic physicians typically charge the same for office visits as do other physicians in general practice. The treatments they use are less costly than those that might be recommended or prescribed by medical doctors, and many treatments have no direct costs attached to them." ("Study of proposed mandatory health insurance for naturopathic care", Legislative Auditor of the State of Hawaii. Report # 89-25, December 1989.)

There is no evidence that NDs drive up utilization inappropriately. Patients who utilize naturopathic services in North America see their physicians about three times per year (AANP). The national average for patients who use MDs. is between five and six visits per year, and for a chiropractor about eight visits (HCFA). Patients' visits remain about the same in states without mandatory insurance reimbursement: 3.5 visits per patient in Washington state; 2.5 per patient in Arizona; and 3.6 per patient in North Carolina (AANP).

Insurance issues include those of liability insurance for the practitioner and consumer access to insured naturopathic care.

Professional Liability Insurance (Malpractice Insurance)

Two U.S. insurance companies provide coverage designed for naturopathic physicians. Master Administrative Services, Inc. administers policies for naturopathic physicians located in states that provide licensure to naturopathic physicians.

The MGIS Companies have administered medical-professional liability insurance designed specifically for naturopathic physicians for eight years. They have found the loss experience for naturopathic physicians compares extremely favorably with that of other health care professional classes.

Malpractice insurance rates are generally less than \$4000.00 per year, indicating the safety of naturopathic treatment as assessed by insurance companies.

Master Insurance Trust reports that of the naturopathic physicians for whom MIT provides liability insurance, **there have been only four incidents reported to the company for follow-up. However, nothing has been paid in either settlements or judgements on any of these items.** "While this pooling of physicians is much too small to base actuarial considerations, this claims experience is clearly superior." (Jeffrey D. Brunken, Program Manager, MIT, Letter dated May 21, 1990.)

Jury Verdicts Northwest, a legal database which records court cases in Washington and Oregon, the area of the country with the largest number of naturopathic physicians, shows no judgments for malpractice against N.D.s since the database was started in 1983.

One in five medical doctors is sued each year in the United States (AMA).

Why is malpractice so much lower among naturopathic physicians? Naturopathic methods are less likely to cause injury than orthodox methods. Prudent dietary and lifestyle changes, for instance, are unlikely to cause harm. Naturopathic physicians by philosophy and training use the least invasive means to treat and prevent disease. This results in less injury to patients. Naturopathic physicians also have excellent diagnostic and referral skills. There is no significant history of complaints against naturopathic physicians resulting from a missed diagnoses, the most common cause for suits in a general practice. From insurance data, it appears that naturopathic physicians as a group know the limits of their methods and refer patients to other practitioners or specialists when appropriate.

Appendix K:
The Cost Effectiveness of Naturopathic Medical Services



In 1989, the state of Hawaii audited health costs associated with naturopathic medicine and concluded that there was no evidence that naturopathic medicine increased health care costs. ("Study of proposed mandatory health insurance for naturopathic care", Legislative Auditor of the State of Hawaii. Report # 89-25, December 1989.) State and provincial government audits, insurance company rate policies, and measures of utilization all find naturopathic medicine to be cost-effective when compared with orthodox medicine and high hospital fees.

The British Columbia government Medical Services Plan audited naturopathic practice in that province in 1988 (MSP). The audit showed naturopathic medicine to be cost-effective and, Minister of Finance Mel Couveleir concluded: ". . .The government will attempt to control health-care costs by emphasizing holistic and preventive medicine." (Cost Effective Therapies, AANP.)

1. Naturopathic medicine offers inexpensive therapeutic options to over utilized expensive conventional procedures. Hysterectomy, prostate surgery, tonsillectomy, myringotomy, and many other procedures have been found by insurance reviewers and other cost-control experts to be frequently overused (Califano; EBRI; Ellwood; Rand). An article in a 1991 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests that medical costs could be reduced by up to 20% by reducing the rate of interventional medicine and unnecessary surgery (Gleicher).
2. At American Western Life, which grosses 54 million a year, insiders say they are already making money with the plan that covers naturopathic services but expect the biggest savings occur in the future because preventive care will help stave off high priced claims.
3. The inclusion of naturopathic medical services, supported by appropriate state and federal laws and regulations, in the array of medical services offered to consumers, may lower overall health costs through increased competition.
4. More than 90 insurance carriers cover naturopathic medicine in the United States and Canada. Also, state legislatures in Connecticut, Hawaii, and Alaska have mandated insurance reimbursement for naturopathic medical services.
5. The Hawaii state Auditor's office hired actuarial firm, the Wyatt Company, to survey 24 underwriters of indemnity medical plans. Wyatt found that most companies do not raise their rates in states where naturopathic physicians are included. Those companies that do raise their rates typically charge an extra one to three cents a month on private plans, and nothing extra on group plans.
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mandatory insurance reimbursement: 3.5 visits per patient in Washington state; 2.5 per patient in Arizona; and 3.6 per patient in North Carolina (AANP).

7. Malpractice suits against naturopathic physicians are extremely rare. Master Insurance Trust reports that in a four year history involving 50 licensed naturopathic physicians only 4 incidents were reported and nothing was paid in judgment or settlements.
8. Federal commission studying medical malpractice estimated malpractice costs passed from doctor to patient increased 10 fold during the 1970s. These cost have continued to rise with the present 28 billion a year in malpractice representing \$400,00 per MD in indirect costs.

Appendix L:
Freedom of Choice In Health Care Position Paper

(Adopted at the 1993 Annual Convention)



WHEREAS all human beings have the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and these are greatly affected by the availability, safety and effectiveness of health care,

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States insures that the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people, and among those are the rights to privacy, to self determination in all aspects of health care and to engage in any ethical profession that does not inherently harm others,

WHEREAS freedom of thought, speech, expression and truthful consultation is essential for a free, creative and progressive society, and is necessary for scientific inquiry and discovery, for innovations in health care procedures, for advances in public health education and for excellence of health provider systems and services,

WHEREAS free enterprise, competition and diversity in health care systems and professions tends to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care services,

WHEREAS government has the right to regulate with justice, health care services in the interest of public health, safety and welfare in order to prevent harm and fraud, and to promote quality care,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the policy of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians shall be:

1. All government agencies and statutes involved with health care regulation should provide for the public's freedom of choice in health care.

2. Scientific research in alternative health care to demonstrate safety and effectiveness and the equitable distribution of research grants should be facilitated.
3. Consultation, cooperation and respect should be encouraged among all health care professions.
4. An equitable system should be created in each state for the legal recognition, definition and regulation of all existing and emerging health care professions. The object should be to insure public protection through educational and practice standards while allowing variety, competition, creativity, and innovation in providing health care services.
5. The basic purpose of the above should be the promotion of public health, equality of life, happiness and global well-being.

Appendix M:
Naturopathic Code of Ethics

I

The Naturopathic Physician's primary purpose is to restore, maintain and optimize health in human beings.

The Naturopathic Physician acts to restore, maintain and optimize health by providing individualized care, according to his/her ability and judgment, following these principles of Naturopathic Medicine.

The Naturopathic Physician shall endeavor to first, do no harm; to provide the most effective health care available with the least risk to his/her patients at all times. (*Primum Non Nocere*)

The Naturopathic Physician shall recognize, respect and promote the self-healing power of nature inherent in each individual human being. (*Vis Medicatrix Naturae*)

The Naturopathic Physician shall strive to identify and remove the causes of illness, rather than to merely eliminate or suppress symptoms. (*Tolle Causam*)

The Naturopathic Physician shall educate his/her patients, inspire rational hope and encourage self-responsibility for health. (*Doctor as Teacher*)

The Naturopathic Physician shall treat each person by considering all individual health factors and influences. (*Treat the Whole Person*)

The Naturopathic Physician shall emphasize the condition of health to promote well-being and to prevent disease for the individual, each community and our world. (*Health Promotion, the Best Prevention*)

II



The Naturopathic Physician shall acknowledge the worth and dignity of every person.

The Naturopathic Physician shall safeguard the patient's right to privacy and only disclose confidential information when either authorized by the patient or mandated by law.

The Naturopathic Physician shall act judiciously to protect the patient and the public when health care quality and safety are adversely affected by the incompetent or unethical practice by any person.

The Naturopathic Physician shall maintain competence in naturopathic medicine and strive for professional excellence through assessment of personal strengths, limitations and effectiveness and by advancement of professional knowledge.

The Naturopathic Physician shall conduct her/his practice and professional activities with honesty, integrity and responsibility for individual judgment and actions.

The Naturopathic Physician shall strive to participate in professional activities to advance the standards of care, body of knowledge and public awareness of naturopathic medicine.

The Naturopathic Physician shall respect all ethical, qualified health care practitioners and cooperate with other health professions to promote health for the individual, the public and the global community.

The Naturopathic Physician shall strive to exemplify personal well-being, ethical character and trust worthiness as a health care professional.

Appendix N:
Naturopathic Therapeutics



Naturopathic Therapeutics

Naturopathic Methods

Naturopathic medicine is defined primarily by its fundamental principles. Methods and modalities are selected and applied based upon these principles in relationship to the individual needs of each patient. Diagnostic and therapeutic methods are selected from various sources and systems and will continue to evolve with the progress of knowledge.

Naturopathic Practice

Naturopathic practice includes the following diagnostic and treatment modalities: utilization of all methods of clinical and laboratory diagnostic testing including diagnostic radiology and other imaging techniques; nutritional medicine, dietetics and therapeutic fasting; medicines of mineral, animal and botanical origin; hygiene and public health measures; homeopathy; acupuncture; Chinese medicine, psychotherapy and counseling; minor surgery and naturopathic obstetrics (natural childbirth), naturopathic physical medicine including naturopathic manipulative therapies; the use of hydrotherapies, heat, cold, ultrasound, and therapeutic exercise.

*Naturopathic practice excludes major surgery and the use of most synthetic drugs

Appendix O: A History of Naturopathic Medicine



Naturopathic medicine is a distinct system of medicine that stresses health maintenance, disease prevention, patient education, and patient responsibility in contrast to the mere treatment of disease. Unlike most other health care systems, naturopathic medicine is not identified with any particular therapy, but with a philosophy of life, health and disease. Fundamental to the practice of naturopathic medicine is a profound belief in the ability of the body to heal itself given the proper opportunity in accordance with the laws of nature.

History and the Formative Years

Naturopathic medicine grew out of traditional healing systems of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, but traces its philosophical roots to the Hippocratic school of medicine (circa 400 BC).

Over the centuries, natural medicine and biomedicine or techno-medicine (a term coined to refer to the currently dominant school of medicine) have alternately diverged and converged, influencing and shaping one another.

Hippocrates was a Naturopath

Considered the "father of medicine"
Taught that "nature is the healer of all diseases"
Developed the concept of "vis medicatrix naturae"

The term "naturopathy" was coined by John Scheel MD of New York City, purchased and made popular by Benedict Lust MD, DO. Lust (a medical doctor and a osteopathic doctor) had been exposed to a wide range of practitioners and practices of the natural healing arts. He was a student of Father Kneipp, a great practitioner of hydrotherapy. Lust brought Kneipp's hydrotherapy with him to America from Germany in 1892. In 1902, he founded the American School of Naturopathy. The years from 1900 to 1917 were formative ones for naturopathic medicine in America. Here converged the American dietic, hygienic, physical culture, spinal manipulation, mental and emotional healing, Thompsonian/eclectic and homeopathic systems.

Lust founded the American Naturopathic Association, which was incorporated in 18 states. He invested a great deal of his funds and resources in an attempt to organize a naturopathic profession. He published the first *"Yearbook of Drugless Therapy."* Annual supplements were published either in *The Naturopath and the Herald of Health or Nature's Path*, which commenced publication in 1925.

Naturopathic Medicine Flourishes

From 1918 to 1937, great interest and support for naturopathic medicine emerged from the public. The philosophical basis and scope of therapies diversified to encompass botanical, homeopathic, and environmental medicine. In the early 1920s, a "health fad" movement reached its peak in terms of public awareness and interest. Naturopathic medical conventions nationwide were well attended by professionals, the public, and even several members of Congress.

The naturopathic journals of the 1920s and 1930s provide valuable insight into the prevention of disease and the promotion of health. Much of the dietary advice focused on correcting poor eating habits, including the lack of fiber in the diet and an over-reliance upon red meat as a protein source. In the 1990s, the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute confirmed the early assertions of naturopathic physicians that such dietary habits could lead to degenerative diseases, including cancers associated with the digestive tract and the colon.

Suppression and Decline

From 1938 - 1970, the growing political and social dominance of allopathic medicine led the way in the legal and economic suppression of naturopathic healing. In the mid 1920s Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, made a mission of attacking naturopathic physicians, accusing them of quackery. Public infatuation with technology; introduction of "miracle medicine;" World War II's stimulation of the development of surgery; the growing political sophistication of the AMA through the leadership of Fishbein, and the death of Benedict Lust in 1945 all combined to cause the decline of naturopathic medicine and natural healing in the United States.

American courts began to take the view that naturopathic physicians were not true doctors, as they espoused doctrines from "the dark ages of medicine." Drugless healers were intended by law to operate without "drugs", which became defined as anything a person could ingest or apply externally for any medical purpose. Lack of insurance coverage, lost court battles, and a hostile legislative perspective progressively restricted practices and eliminated funding for naturopathic education. One by one naturopathic colleges closed as admissions, popularity, and funding dwindled. This decline was so steep that the last remaining college – The National College of Naturopathic Medicine – graduated only 70 students from 1956 to 1976.

Naturopathic Medicine Re-emerges

The counter-culture of the late 1960s, the public's growing awareness of the importance of nutrition and the environment, and America's disenchantment with organized institutional medicine (when its limitations and prohibitive expense became apparent) resulted in increasing respect for naturopathic medicine. A new wave of students were attracted to the philosophical precepts of the profession, bringing an appreciation for the appropriate use of science and modern college education.

In order for the naturopathic profession to move back into the mainstream, it needed to establish accredited institutions, perform credible research, and establish itself as an integral part of the health care system.

NDs are licensed in Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Washington, and have a legal right to practice in Idaho and the District of Columbia. "Naturopaths" also practice in other states without official government sanction; however, without licensing standards individuals with little or no formal education may proclaim themselves naturopathic physicians without medical school education or board testing.

The Future

Naturopathic medicine is at the forefront of the paradigm shift occurring in medicine. The scientific tools now exist to assess and appreciate many aspects of natural medicine. It is now common for conventional medical organizations that in the past have spoken out strongly against naturopathic medicine to endorse such naturopathic techniques as lifestyle modification, stress reduction, exercise, and toxin reduction. Most importantly, consumers are demanding a wider range of health care services. Patients want to start with the least invasive of techniques. Naturopathic physicians fill a gap, answer a demand and bring to the public a "bilingual" healthcare provider with an understanding of both natural and allopathic medicine. We are the knowledgeable gateway to true health care system.

(Based on *Fundamentals of Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, ed. Marc S. Micozzi, MD, PhD, "Natural Medicine" by Joseph E. Pizzorno, JR., Churchill Livingstone Inc., New York, 1996.)

Appendix P:
White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative
Medicine Policy - Final Report Executive Summary March 2002



The Final Report of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy is 264 pages long and can be downloaded from <http://www.whccamp.hhs.gov/finalreport.html>.

Below is just the Executive Summary of the report.

Executive Summary

The White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy (WHCCAMP) was established by Executive Order No. 13147 in March 2000. The order states that the Commission is to provide the President, through the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with a report containing legislative and administrative recommendations that will ensure public policy maximizes the potential benefits of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) to all citizens. The report of the Commission is to address:

- The coordination of research to increase knowledge about CAM products,
- The education and training of health care practitioners in CAM,
- The provision of reliable and useful information about CAM practices and products to health care professionals, and
- Guidance regarding appropriate access to and delivery of CAM.

The Commission's 20 Presidentially-appointed members represented an array of health care interests, professional backgrounds, and knowledge. Health care expertise was provided by both conventional and CAM practitioners.

To accomplish its mission, the Commission held four Town Hall meetings (San Francisco, Seattle, New York City, and Minneapolis) to listen to testimony from hundreds of individuals, professional organizations, societies, and health care organizations interested in Federal policies regarding CAM. In addition to the town hall meetings, the Commission invited expert testimony during its 10 regular meetings held in the Washington, D.C. area. The Commission asked clinicians, researchers, medical educators, representatives of health insurers and managed care organizations, benefits experts, regulatory officials, and policymakers to provide informational recommendations and documentation to support them. The Commission also solicited testimony from the public at each of its regular meetings. Finally, the Commission conducted a number of site visits to see first-hand how various medical institutions are integrating CAM into clinical practice and collaboration between CAM and mainstream health care providers.

To develop recommendations, the Commissioners divided into work groups, each addressing a particular topic. The work groups' recommendations were then presented to the whole Commission, discussed, and used as a basis for developing final recommendations.

Based on its mission and responsibilities, the Commission endorsed the following 10 guiding principles to shape the process of making recommendations and to focus the recommendations themselves:

1. *A wholeness orientation in health care delivery.* Health involves all aspects of life-mind, body, spirit, and environment-and high-quality health care must support care of the whole person.

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2. *Evidence of safety and efficacy.* The Commission is committed to promoting the use of science and appropriate scientific methods to help identify safe and effective CAM services and products and to generate evidence that will protect and promote the public health.
 3. *The healing capacity of the person.* People have a remarkable capacity for recovery and self-healing, and a major focus of health care is to support and promote this capacity.
 4. *Respect for individuality.* Each person is unique and has the right to health care that is appropriately responsive to him or her, respecting preferences and preserving dignity.
 5. *The right to choose treatment.* Each person has the right to choose freely among safe and effective care or approaches, as well as among qualified practitioners who are accountable for their claims and actions and responsive to the person's needs.
 6. *An emphasis on health promotion and self-care.* Good health care emphasizes self-care and early intervention for maintaining and promoting health.
 7. *Partnerships as essential to integrated health care.* Good health care requires teamwork among patients, health care practitioners (conventional and CAM), and researchers committed to creating optimal healing environments and to respecting the diversity of all health care traditions.
 8. *Education as a fundamental health care service.* Education about prevention, healthy lifestyles, and the power of self-healing should be made an integral part of the curricula of all health care professionals and should be made available to the public of all ages.
 9. *Dissemination of comprehensive and timely information.* The quality of health care can be enhanced by promoting efforts that thoroughly and thoughtfully examine the evidence on which CAM systems, practices, and products are based and make this evidence widely, rapidly, and easily available.
 10. *Integral public involvement.* The input of informed consumers and other members of the public must be incorporated in setting priorities for health care and health care research and in reaching policy decisions, including those related to CAM, within the public and private sectors.

CAM is a heterogeneous group of medical, health care, and healing systems other than those intrinsic to mainstream health care in the United States. While "complementary and alternative medicine" is the term used in this report, the Commission recognizes that the term does not fully capture all of the diversity with which these systems, practices, and products are being used by consumers, CAM practitioners, and mainstream health care institutions.

The Commission recognizes that most CAM modalities have not yet been scientifically studied and found to be safe and effective. The fact that many Americans are using CAM modalities should not be confused with the fact that most of these modalities remain unproven by high-quality clinical studies. The Commission believes that conventional and CAM systems of health and healing should be held to the same rigorous standards of good science.

Therefore, substantially more funding for research is needed to determine the possible benefits and limitations of a variety of CAM modalities, especially those that are already in widespread use. Well-designed scientific research and demonstration projects can help to determine which CAM modalities and approaches are clinically effective and cost-effective. With information from these studies, the public can

make informed, intelligent decisions about their own health and well-being and the appropriate use of CAM interventions. Conventional and CAM practitioners also will benefit from the dissemination of this information.

Although most CAM modalities have not yet been proven safe and effective, it is likely that some of them eventually will be, whereas others will not. The recommendations and actions in this report constitute a road map to help guide research and policy decisions over the next several years as more scientific and other information becomes available. In this context, many of the recommendations and actions may be useful immediately. Others may be more useful once a greater body of scientific evidence has been developed and made available.

The Commission also notes the lack of an appropriate definition of complementary and alternative medicine and the need to differentiate between interventions that have been, or have the potential to be, found safe and effective and those that lack any scientific evidence of safety or effectiveness. Including the entire mix of CAM interventions under one umbrella fails to identify the merits and shortcomings of specific interventions. It is essential to begin separating the safe from the unsafe and the effective from the ineffective. Likewise, the heterogeneous array of education, training, and qualifications of CAM practitioners has made it difficult for the Commission to clearly and succinctly target its recommendations. This limitation must be addressed during the process of implementing the recommendations and actions.

Coordination of Research

The public's increased use of CAM has added urgency to the need to examine the safety and effectiveness of CAM practices and products and to discover the basic mechanisms underlying them. Basic, clinical, and health services research in CAM are essential for including CAM in the mainstream health care system.

In addition, the growing influence of consumers on the health care system has created a need for more population-based research on CAM use and for public participation in shaping the direction of CAM research. Federal requirements and opportunities for such participation currently exist. Public members of Federal advisory committees, as well as the agencies they advise, would gain from orientation and training programs on how to provide input most effectively.

Support for Research

The NCCAM at the NIH is an example of how quality research in CAM can be executed by a Federal agency. Similar efforts should now be extended to other Federal agencies. These agencies with research and health care responsibilities need to assess the scope of scientific, clinical practice, health services, and public needs regarding CAM that are related to their missions and develop funding strategies to address them. Federal support is particularly needed for research on CAM products that are unpatentable and those that are frequently used by the public but unlikely to attract private research dollars. Congress and the Administration should consider simultaneous legislative and administrative incentives to stimulate private sector investment in such products. Also, CAM approaches that appear to be effective but may not attract private investment, should be considered for Federal support.

Federal, private, and nonprofit sector support is essential to developing a body of evidence-based knowledge about CAM. Among the areas in need of study are the complex compounds and mixtures found in CAM products, multiple-treatment interventions, the effect of patient-practitioner interactions on outcomes, the individualization of treatments, modalities designed to improve self-care and promote

wellness behaviors, and core questions posed by CAM that might expand our understanding of health and disease.

The Commission commends the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) for its leadership and contributions to CAM research, methodology, research training, and infrastructure development and supports increases in these crucial activities, including database development and information dissemination. In addition, NCCAM should collaborate with 1) the Institute of Medicine, to develop guidelines for establishing research priorities in CAM and to address the ambiguity regarding definitions of CAM, thus making it easier to decide how to allocate resources; 2) the National Science Foundation, to examine frontier areas of science associated with CAM that lie outside the current research paradigm and to develop methodological approaches to study them; and 3) the World Health Organization, to study traditional systems of medical practice from a variety of cultures.

The Commission also recognizes the work of the Office of Dietary Supplements, the National Cancer Institute's Office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the National Library of Medicine, and the other components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that are supporting research and related activities in CAM and recommends that they continue their efforts.

Scope of Research

A dialogue between CAM and conventional medicine appears to be emerging and efforts should be made to strengthen it. CAM and conventional medical practitioners and researchers; accredited research institutions; Federal and state research, health care, and regulatory agencies; private and nonprofit organizations; and the general public need to be included in the dialogue. Communication and cooperation are essential to improving the quality of CAM research and to the success of research applications.

The same high standards of quality, rigor, and ethics must be met in both CAM and conventional research, research training, publication of results in scientific, medical, and public health journals, presentations at research conferences, and review of products and devices. Properly qualified CAM and conventional medical professionals should be represented on research, journal, regulatory, and health insurance review and advisory committees.

Investigators engaged in research on CAM must ensure that people participating in clinical studies receive the protections to which they are entitled and which are required for all human subjects in clinical research. Moreover, licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized practitioners who are engaged in research on CAM should not be sanctioned solely because they are engaged in such research, as long as 1) their studies are well designed and approved by an appropriately constituted institutional review board (IRB), 2) they are following the requirements for the protection of human subjects, and 3) they are meeting their professional and ethical responsibilities. All CAM and conventional practitioners, whether they are engaged in research or not, must meet whatever state practice requirements or standards govern their authorization to practice. IRBs that review CAM research studies need the expertise of qualified CAM professionals, and accredited CAM institutions and professional organizations should establish IRBs whenever possible.

Publication of research results in recognized peer-reviewed research journals is needed to provide reliable information about CAM to researchers, clinical practitioners, health services professionals, third party payors and the public. In addition, the decisions of third-party payors regarding access to and reimbursement for CAM therapies should be based on published evidence. Public and private resources

can be used to conduct and update systematic reviews of the research literature on CAM. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) should expand its systematic reviews of CAM systems and treatments for use by private and public entities, and NCCAM and AHRQ should issue and regularly update a comprehensive, understandable summary of current clinical evidence in CAM for health care practitioners and the public.

Research Training and Infrastructure

Sustained, adequate funding is essential to building and maintaining a strong infrastructure for training skilled CAM researchers and conducting rigorous research. Federal agencies that have training programs as part of their health care missions should support training that addresses CAM-related questions relevant to their missions. Academic health centers at conventional institutions are gradually developing venues for exchanging experiences with CAM professionals regarding the training of conventional researchers in CAM practices, the introduction of CAM practitioners to the conventional research culture, and inclusion of CAM in research, research training, clinical, and medical education activities. Accredited CAM institutions are gradually expanding their capacity to conduct research and research training and to establish cooperative arrangements with conventional medical health centers. Public and private resources should be increased to strengthen the infrastructure for CAM research and research training at conventional medical and CAM institutions.

Education and Training of Health Care Practitioners

Because the public uses both CAM and conventional health care, the education and training of conventional health professionals should include CAM, and the education and training of CAM practitioners should include conventional health care. The result will be conventional providers who can discuss CAM with their patients and clients, provide guidance on CAM use, collaborate with CAM practitioners, and make referrals to them, as well as CAM practitioners who can communicate and collaborate with conventional providers and make referrals to them.

The education and training of all practitioners should be designed to ensure public safety, improve health, increase the availability of qualified and knowledgeable CAM and conventional practitioners, and enhance collaboration among them. Education and training programs can do this by developing curricula and programs that facilitate communication and foster collaboration between CAM and conventional students, practitioners, researchers, educators, institutions, and organizations.

Conventional health professional schools, postgraduate training programs, and continuing education programs should develop core curricula regarding CAM to prepare practitioners to discuss CAM with their patients and clients and help them make informed choices about the use of CAM. The challenges to developing these core curricula include:

- Professional, organizational, and institutional resistance to change,
- Lack of funding,
- Inadequate incentives to adopt the curricula,
- Logistical design, development, and implementation difficulties,
- Lack of consensus on curricula,
- Lack of adequately trained faculty and faculty development, and
- Limited ability to add to already very full curricula.

Likewise, CAM education and training programs need to develop core curricula that reflect the fundamental elements of biomedical science and conventional health care as they relate to and are

consistent with the CAM practitioners' scope of practice. The challenges to developing such core curricula for CAM education are similar to those stated above.

Support for CAM Programs, Faculty, and Students

Access to increased funding and other resources for CAM faculty, curricula, and program development at both CAM and conventional institutions* could result in better CAM education and training, which, in turn, could translate into more skilled practitioners, improved CAM services, and greater patient satisfaction and safety. Faculty development is essential for improved CAM education and training at CAM and conventional institutions. Currently, funding is limited and appears to be directed toward only a small number of curricula and program development projects at largely conventional institutions. Increased Federal, state, and private support should be made available to expand and evaluate CAM faculty, curricula, and program development at accredited CAM and conventional institutions.

CAM students, institutions, and professional organizations have expressed considerable interest in participating in loan and scholarship programs. Currently, the only CAM students eligible for participation in the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students program are chiropractic students. No CAM students are eligible for the National Health Service Corps Scholarship program at this time.

In general, expansion of Federal loan programs to CAM students appears easier to accomplish than participation in the scholarship program. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) should conduct a feasibility study to determine whether appropriately educated and trained CAM practitioners can enhance or expand health care provided by primary care teams. The feasibility study could be followed with demonstration projects to determine what types of CAM practitioners, education and training requirements, practice sites, and minimal clinical competencies result in improved health outcomes

Additional Education and Training in CAM

To improve the competency of practitioners and the quality of services, CAM education and training should continue beyond the entry, professional school, or qualifying degree level. However, before establishing new CAM postgraduate education and training programs or expanding current ones, appropriate CAM candidates must be identified and the feasibility, type, duration, and impact of the programs determined.

Since community health centers represent a unique opportunity for combining education in ethnically, racially, and culturally diverse learning environments with service to medically underserved populations who otherwise might not have access to CAM, current and proposed CAM postgraduate education and training programs affiliated with such centers should be given special consideration.

Continuing education can provide a powerful means of affecting conventional and CAM practitioners' behavior, thereby enhancing public health and safety. Currently, the number, type, and availability of programs with content appropriate for all practitioners who provide CAM services and products are not sufficient. Therefore, continuing education programs need to be improved and made available to all conventional health professionals as well as to all practitioners who provide CAM services and products.

Development and Dissemination of Information about CAM

One of society's greatest achievements-and one of its greatest challenges-has been the dramatic improvement in the development and dissemination of information. Not only does information travel faster, significantly more of it has become available. This is especially true of health information, including information about CAM.

To ensure public safety in the continually evolving area of CAM, accurate information must be available so that people can make informed choices. This includes choosing the most appropriate type of practitioner, deciding what type of approach can benefit certain conditions, ascertaining the ingredients in a product (such as a dietary supplement), and determining whether ingredients are safe and can assist in maintaining health. Yet far too often information to help make these choices is nonexistent, inaccurate, or difficult to find.

The ready availability of accurate information is especially important to people who are confronting a life-threatening illness. For someone newly diagnosed with a serious or life-threatening illness, seeking information about their disease and treatment options is often their first course of action. Many people quickly become overwhelmed by the vast array of often conflicting information that is available, and yet for some diseases and conditions, there is a scarcity of reliable information.

Promoting Accurate, Easily Accessible Information

To be effective, information must be tailored to the population it seeks to reach. People of different cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds frequently have different views of health and healing, different patterns of use of health care services and products, and different ways of acquiring information. People's views and behavior also vary with their age, literacy, and specific health conditions. Informational materials need to reflect the characteristics and behavior of the target population.

The Federal government should make accurate and easily accessible information on CAM practices and products available to the public. It can do this by establishing a task force to facilitate the development and dissemination of CAM information within the Federal government and to eliminate existing gaps in information about CAM. In addition, more librarians can be trained to help consumers find information on CAM.

The Internet has given people access to vast amounts of health care information that would not have been available to them previously, but this technology raises concerns about quality. People may be making life-and-death decisions based on information that is misleading, incomplete, or inaccurate. This is particularly true in the case of CAM, for which a broad base of evidence is not yet available. Establishing a public-private partnership to develop voluntary standards for CAM information on the Internet, and conducting a public education campaign to help people evaluate information, should improve the quality and accuracy of CAM information from this source. Actions should also be taken to protect consumers' privacy.

Training, licensing requirements, certification, and scope of practice; regulations; and even definitions of CAM practitioners can vary considerably. Therefore, practitioners' qualifications should be readily available to consumers to help them make informed choices about selecting and using practitioners. Information on State regulations, requirements, and disciplinary actions should also be readily available to help ensure consumers' safety.

Consumers frequently learn about CAM products and services through advertising and marketing. While most advertisers of CAM products and services comply with current laws, misleading and fraudulent health claims do exist. Some people, particularly those who are ill, who have limited language or

educational skills, or who lack access to the conventional health care system, are especially susceptible to advertisements that promise to cure a disease, symptom, or problem. Not only are some of these products, services, and treatments ineffective, they may even be harmful, especially if they delay necessary treatment or take money away from persons with limited resources. Efforts to enforce existing laws curbing such abuses should be increased.

Ensuring the Safety of CAM Products

One of the most rapidly growing areas in CAM has been the use of dietary supplements. Sales of these products totaled \$17 billion in 2000, and more than 158 million consumers used them. Dietary supplements are not subject to the same rigorous testing and oversight required of prescription drugs, which are targeted toward disease conditions. While this has greatly increased the public's access to supplements, it has limited the information required on the label regarding potential risks, benefits, and appropriate use.

The public expects that products sold in the United States are safe. Since many dietary supplements are purchased without the knowledge or advice of an appropriately trained and credentialed provider, information on ingredients, benefits, appropriate use, and potential risks should be made easily available to consumers at the time of purchase, especially information affecting vulnerable consumers such as children, the elderly, pregnant or nursing women, and people with certain health conditions or compromised immune systems.

CAM products that are available to U.S. consumers must be safe and meet appropriate standards of quality and consistency. Efforts to ensure the development of analytical methods and reference materials for dietary supplements should be increased. Good Manufacturing Practices for Dietary Supplements should be published expeditiously, followed by timely review of comments and completion of a final rule. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will need adequate resources to complete this task. Federal agencies responsible for enforcing current laws monitoring the quality of imported raw materials and finished products intended for use as dietary supplements will also require adequate funding.

Manufacturers should have on file and make available to the FDA upon request scientific information to substantiate their determinations of safety, and current statutory provisions should be reexamined periodically to determine whether safety requirements for dietary supplements are adequate. An objective process for evaluating the safety of dietary supplement products should be developed by an independent expert panel.

Reporting of adverse events associated with dietary supplements is voluntary: Manufacturers and distributors are not required to notify the FDA of adverse reactions that have been reported to them. Congress should require dietary supplement manufacturers to register their products and suppliers with the FDA. Until this requirement is in place, the agency should encourage voluntary registration so that manufacturers, suppliers, and consumers can be notified promptly if a serious adverse event is identified. Dietary supplement manufacturers and suppliers should be required to maintain records and report serious adverse events to the FDA.

Additional resources and support are needed to simplify the adverse event reporting system for dietary supplements. The system should be made easier to use, its database streamlined to permit timely review and follow-up on reports received, and its outreach to consumers and health professionals (including poison control centers, emergency room physicians, CAM practitioners, and midlevel marketers) improved. Simplifying the adverse event reporting system will improve both manufacturers' and consumers' awareness of and participation in voluntary reporting.

To ensure the safety of the public and to give consumers confidence in the products they are using, Congress should periodically evaluate the effectiveness, limitations, and enforcement of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 and take appropriate action when needed.

Access and Delivery

The Commission heard numerous concerns about access to CAM practitioners and products, including access to qualified CAM practitioners, state regulation of CAM practitioners, integration of CAM and conventional health care, collaboration between CAM and conventional practitioners, and the cost of CAM services. Many people expressed a desire for increased access to safe and effective CAM, along with conventional services. The Commission recognizes that Americans want to be able to choose from both conventional and CAM practices and that they want assurances that practitioners are qualified.

Improving Access to CAM

As is true of conventional health care, many factors influence access to CAM services and their delivery. The distribution and availability of local providers, regulation and credentialing of providers, policies concerning coverage and reimbursement, and characteristics of the health care delivery system all affect the quality and availability of care and consumer satisfaction. Equally important, access is limited by income, since most CAM practices and products are not covered under public or private health insurance programs. Moreover, access is more difficult for rural, uninsured, underinsured, and other special populations. The issue of access is further compounded by the lack of scientific evidence for many CAM practices and products.

A better understanding of how the public uses CAM is needed to determine what can be done to improve access to safe and effective CAM within the context of other public health and medical needs. In addition, more information is needed on what constitutes "appropriate access" to CAM services.

A few community health centers have begun to use the services of CAM practitioners, such as chiropractors, naturopathic physicians, and acupuncturists. These centers might provide models for other community health centers and public health service programs, but first their impact on access to care and the cost-benefit picture needs to be determined. Hospice care for the terminally ill is another important model of care that should be evaluated. Some hospice programs are beginning to include CAM practitioners on the treatment team. The Federal government should support demonstration projects that integrate safe and effective CAM services into the health care programs of hospices and community health centers.

Special populations, such as racial and ethnic minorities, and vulnerable populations, such as the chronically and terminally ill, have unique challenges and needs regarding access to CAM. Yet efforts to address their access to CAM must take into consideration their need for access to conventional health care, and scarce resources must be allocated carefully. The Federal government should facilitate and support the evaluation of CAM practices to help meet the health care needs of these populations and support practices found to be safe and effective. Ways of supporting the practice of indigenous healing in the United States and improving communication among indigenous healers, conventional health care professionals, and CAM practitioners should also be identified.

Now is the time to look at policy options for the future and to design strategies for addressing potential issues of access and safety. A variety of issues need to be considered: protecting the public, maintaining free competition in the provision of CAM services, and maintaining the consumer's freedom to choose

appropriate health professionals. The need to maintain CAM styles of practice, rather than allowing them to be subsumed into the conventional medical model, also must be considered when addressing the issue of access.

To improve consumers' access to safe and effective CAM practices and qualified practitioners, and to ensure accountability, the Federal government should evaluate current barriers and develop strategies for removing them. It should also help states evaluate the impact of state legislation on access to CAM practices and on public safety. Health care workforce data and other studies can help identify current and future health care needs and the relevance of safe and effective CAM services to those needs.

Ensuring CAM Practitioners' Accountability to the Public

States should consider whether a regulatory infrastructure for CAM practitioners is necessary to promote quality of care and patient safety and to ensure practitioners' accountability to the public. The Federal government should offer assistance to states and professional organizations in developing and evaluating guidelines for practitioner accountability and competence, including regulation of practice and periodic review and assessment of the effects of regulations on consumer protection. When appropriate, states should implement provisions for licensure, registration, and exemption that are consistent with a practitioner's education, training, and scope of practice.

Nationally recognized accrediting bodies should evaluate how health care organizations are using CAM practices and develop strategies for the safe and appropriate use of qualified CAM practitioners. In partnership with other public and private organizations, they should evaluate the present use of CAM practitioners in health care delivery settings and develop strategies for their appropriate use in ways that will benefit the public. Current standards and guidelines should be reviewed to ensure safe use of CAM practices and products in health care delivery organizations.

Coverage and Reimbursement

The coverage and reimbursement policies of public and private organizations that pay for, provide, or insure conventional health care services have played a crucial role in shaping the health care system and they will play an increasingly important role in determining the future of CAM and its place in the nation's health care system.

Coverage of CAM services and products varies among purchasers of health plans, but employer-sponsored plans appear more likely than others to offer them. These plans generally offer a chiropractic benefit, and a growing number cover acupuncture and massage therapy. When offered, CAM coverage often places a ceiling on the number of visits, restricts the clinical applications, and specifies the qualifications of the practitioner. Typically, CAM is offered as a supplemental benefit rather than as a core or basic benefit. Benefit designs also include discount programs, in which covered individuals pay reduced fees for services provided by a network of CAM practitioners, and annual benefit accounts against which services may be purchased.

Barriers to Coverage

Overcoming barriers to coverage and reimbursement will require first amassing scientific evidence to assess the benefits and cost-effectiveness of CAM and then giving equitable, impartial consideration to those practices and products proven to be safe and effective.

Gathering a body of evidence will require DHHS, other Federal agencies, states, and private organizations to develop a health services research agenda and to increase funding for studies of the outcomes of CAM.

interventions in treating acute, chronic, and life-threatening conditions. Research, demonstrations, and evaluations should focus not only on safety but also on clinical effectiveness, costs, and the ratio of costs to benefits. In addition, health services research can be used to support the development and study of models for providing safe and effective CAM within the nation's health care system. Prototypes should include integrative and collaborative models for CAM and conventional health care, comparisons of conventional and CAM treatments for the same condition, and evaluations of various combinations of services and products. Information on health services research should be made available through the clearinghouse of NCCAM.

To conduct health services research, investigators need data from claim and encounter forms, specifically data coded using nationally accepted, standardized systems. National coding systems such as Common Procedure Terminology recognize some CAM interventions, but they are currently limited in scope and specificity. More recently, a coding system for CAM procedures, services, and products-ABCcodes-has been developed and is being used in a number of settings. The National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics and DHHS should authorize a national coding system that supports standardized data on CAM for use in clinical and health services research. In addition, the coding system should support practitioners and insurers who cover CAM services in complying with the electronic claims requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Any medical or health care intervention that has undergone scientific investigation and has been shown to improve health or functioning, or to be effective in treating the chronically or terminally ill, should be considered for inclusion in health plan coverage. To accomplish this, health insurance and managed care organizations should modify their benefit design and coverage processes in order to offer purchasers health benefit plans that include safe and effective CAM interventions. Similarly, purchasers should enhance the processes they use to develop health benefits and give consideration to safe and effective CAM interventions. DHHS can support these efforts by convening work groups and conferences to assess the state-of-the-science of CAM services and products and to develop consensus and other types of guidance for Medicare, other public and private purchasers, health plans, and even consumer representatives.

Coverage of and reimbursement for most health care services are linked to a provider's ability to furnish services legally within the scope of his or her practice. This legal authority to practice is given by the state in which services are provided. Thus, even if insurers, managed care organizations, and other health plan sponsors are interested in covering safe, cost-effective CAM interventions, they cannot do so unless properly licensed, or otherwise legally authorized, practitioners are available in a state. State governments are encouraged to consider how regulation of CAM practitioners could affect coverage and third-party reimbursement of safe and effective CAM interventions.

Criteria for Using CAM

Once a CAM service is covered, health insurers, managed care organizations, and government agencies must be able to determine whether use of the service or product in a particular situation is generally accepted or investigational, and whether the service or product is medically necessary in that situation. Few criteria are available to guide practitioners in deciding the medical or clinical necessity of CAM interventions. DHHS, preferably through a centralized CAM office, should work with health care and professional associations, CAM experts, health insurance and managed care organizations, benefits experts, and others to guide changes in health plan coverage for safe and effective CAM services and products and to develop criteria for use of CAM interventions.

Purchasers, health insurers, and managed care organizations will need CAM expertise when developing changes in coverage and reimbursement policies that involve CAM. CAM practitioners and experts should be included on advisory bodies and work groups considering CAM benefits and other appropriate health benefit issues.

CAM in Wellness and Health Promotion

In recent years, people have come to recognize that a healthful lifestyle can promote wellness and prevent illness and disease, and many people have used CAM approaches to attain this goal. Wellness is defined in many ways, but all agree that it is more than the absence of disease. Wellness can include a broad array of activities and interventions that focus on the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional aspects of one's life. The concomitant rise in interest in CAM and in wellness and prevention presents many new and exciting opportunities for the health care system.

CAM's Role in Attaining the Nation's Health Goals

Since 1979, the U.S. Public Health Service has led a national initiative to define goals and objectives for the nation's health. As is clear from the resulting Healthy People series, a wide range of disciplines and social institutions is needed to improve health and wellness, prevent illness and disease, and manage disabilities and chronic conditions. The effectiveness of the health care delivery system in the future will depend upon its ability to make use of all approaches and modalities that provide a sound basis for promoting health.

There is evidence that certain CAM practices, such as acupuncture, biofeedback, yoga, massage therapy, and tai chi, as well as certain nutritional and stress reduction practices may be useful in contributing to the achievement of the nation's health goals and objectives. Federal agencies and public and private organizations should evaluate CAM practices and products that have been shown to be safe and effective to determine their potential for promoting wellness and helping to achieve the nation's health promotion and disease prevention goals. Demonstration programs should be funded for those determined to be beneficial.

The Federal government, in partnership with public and private organizations, should support the development of a national campaign that teaches and encourages healthful behaviors for all Americans, including children. The campaign would focus on improving nutrition, promoting exercise, and teaching stress management. Safe and effective CAM practices and products should be included, where appropriate. The role of safe and effective CAM practices and products in the workplace should also be evaluated, and incentives should be developed to encourage the use of those found to be beneficial.

The application of CAM wellness and prevention practices to the management of chronic disease and disabilities is a largely unexplored area. CAM principles and practices may be useful not only in preventing some of these diseases and conditions, but also in enhancing recovery and preventing further illness. Increased research in this area will help to determine how CAM principles and practices can best be used to meet the goals of the health care system. DHHS and other Federal agencies should fund demonstration projects to evaluate the clinical and economic impact of comprehensive health promotion programs that include CAM. These studies should include underserved and special populations.

Wellness and Health Promotion in Programs for Special and Vulnerable Populations

Early interventions that promote the development of good health habits and attitudes could help prevent many of the negative behaviors and lifestyle choices that begin in childhood or adolescence. Poor dietary habits, lack of exercise, smoking, suicide, substance abuse, homicide, and depression are epidemic among young people. The Commission believes that it is time for wellness and health promotion to be made a national priority. CAM practices and products that have been shown to be appropriate for children and young people should be included in this effort, which must involve all sectors of the community, particularly schools.

The Federal government funds many programs that serve vulnerable populations, such as children, the poor, and the elderly. The programs have a direct impact on the health and quality of life of the people they serve, and they may benefit from a wellness and prevention component that includes safe and effective CAM practices and products. The agencies that administer these programs should evaluate safe and effective CAM practices and products to determine their applicability to the programs and fund demonstration projects for those found to be beneficial.

Federally funded health care delivery programs, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, The Department of Defense, the Indian Health Service, community and migrant health centers, maternal and child health programs, and school health programs, should also evaluate the applicability of CAM wellness and prevention activities to their services. Demonstration programs should be funded for CAM practices and products found to be beneficial to these populations. Other Federal, State, public, and private health care delivery systems and programs would also be well-advised to evaluate CAM practices and products to determine their applicability to programs and services that help promote wellness and health.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services should bring together public and private health care organizations to evaluate the contribution of safe and effective CAM practices and products to wellness and health and to determine how they may be used in health systems and programs, especially in the nation's hospitals and long-term care facilities and in programs serving the aged, persons with chronic illness, and those at the end of life.

CAM and conventional health professional training programs should offer students training and education in self-care and lifestyle decision-making, both to improve practitioners' health and to enable them to impart this knowledge to their patients or clients.

Coordinating Federal CAM Efforts

Integration of safe and effective CAM practices and products into the nation's health care system will require an ongoing, coordinated Federal presence. Establishment of a centralized office is the most effective means of accomplishing this goal. Responsibilities of the office should include:

- Coordinating Federal CAM activities,
- Serving as a Federal CAM policy liaison with conventional health care and CAM professionals, organizations, educational institutions, and commercial ventures,
- Planning, facilitating, and convening conferences, workshops, and advisory groups,
- Acting as a centralized point of contact for the public, CAM practitioners, conventional health care providers, and the media,
- Facilitating implementation of the recommendations and actions of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy, and
- Exploring additional and emerging topics not included in the Commission's Executive Order.

The Commission recommends that the President, Secretary of Health and Human Services, or Congress create an office to coordinate Federal CAM activities and to facilitate the integration of safe and effective practices and products into the nation's health care system. The office should be established at the highest possible appropriate level in DHHS and be given sufficient staff and budget to meet its responsibilities. The office should charter an advisory council whose members would include representatives of the private and public sectors as well as CAM and conventional practitioners with the necessary expertise, diversity of backgrounds, and training to guide and advise the office about its activities.

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Honorable Ralph Seekins
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Dear Senator Seekins:

This past week I was informed about House Bill 434 and Senate Bill 306. I am not one who frequently calls out to the listening ears of our legislatures, but after reviewing this bill I felt a responsibility as a physician that I must speak up in strong opposition.

As a Family Practitioner who cares for a broad based population from pediatrics to geriatrics, I have always taken pride in listening to my patients and attempt to keep an open mind when it comes to their medical needs. Many of my patients, with my blessings, seek additional care to augment their health in the allied fields of acupuncture, chiropractic, massage therapy, homeopathy and naturopathy.

House Bill 434 and Senate Bill 306, however, places in jeopardy my working relationship with naturopaths as I believe this bill will potentially place my patients at risk if naturopaths are granted the prescribing privileges as presently permitted by M.D.'s and D.O.'s. After careful review of the training and philosophy of naturopathic medicine it is quite apparent that the naturopathic discipline is not adequately trained to prescribe class III, IV and V medications as proposed by the concerned bills.

I do support the present practice of a naturopathic medicine which incorporates the use of the modalities of: clinical nutrition, botanical medicine, homeopathic medicine, physical medicine, oriental medicine. Such care has been helpful to many of my patients, however, to assume that the "physician desk reference" (PDR) is another modality that may be added to naturopathic armamentarium without ill effects of the welfare of patient care is a false assumption and should not be taken lightly.

In keeping with the Alaska State Medical Board and my fellow colleagues throughout the state of Alaska, I must join them and speak out against these bills. The deciding factor for these bills is whether they will maintain the standards of medical care. We must insure that the quality of medical care is not jeopardized for Alaskans. With this in mind I ask our legislators to defeat these bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor K. Bartling, D.O.", written in a cursive style.

Victor K. Bartling, D.O.
Department of Family Practice
Medical Director at Denali Care Center/Fairbanks Memorial Hospital

cc: Legislators

*W/ Joe
Bill*

2/09/04

Hi Gary,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Naturopath's bill. I have spoken to Dr. Scott Luper D.N. and had a very good and informative conversation.

I am not in favor of this bill in the present form for the following reasons:

1. It is contrary to a D.N.'s training to prescribe "drugs" in that they are trained in the use of herbal, vitamin and natural remedies. Use of prescription medication would be a (dangerous) adjunct to natural remedies.
2. I was not aware and was impressed by the amount of education a D.N. has. BUT I am concerned that although they have pharmacology training in school, they do not have adequate clinical experience (or practical application of drug prescribing in clinical setting). Whereas, allopathic M.D.'s have a huge amount of prescribing and follow up of medications in their training.
3. The bill is too broad. Currently one could prescribe antibiotics to dangerous heart medications, to chemotherapy. Allopathic M.D. would most likely not prescribe medication outside of their specialty, as it would be considered outside of the "standard of care". If a bill were passed a formulary would be much more acceptable and safe.
4. The D.N.'s do not have their own board. I am uncomfortable with the Division of Occupational Licensing providing oversight, discipline, ect. in this matter.
5. Another slippery path is the prescribing of controlled substances. we already have in our State, over prescribing of narcotic medications. Oxycontin is a real problem. This is being done by highly trained physicians and practitioners. adding another practitioner to this would be more possible violations.
6. To give prescribing privileges to D.N.'s (about 20-25 in Alaska) would not significantly improve health care delivery, access or cost.
7. The prescribing of medication in 2004 is so complex as to have any number of drug interactions, contraindications and serious adverse reactions, current highly trained practitioners are having significant problems in drug therapy injuries and deaths. To add another lesser trained practitioner to this list would pose a potential threat to public safety.
8. I do feel there are superior D.N.'s who would not have a problem or pose a threat, but oversight towards the potential disciplinary problems would not be adequate to protect the public.

Thanks for the opportunity, and let me know if I can help in another way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Tom Wilson PA-C

P.S. let me know if we are winning the battle of the ear.

February 24, 2004.

Senator Gary Wilken, Co-Chair Senate Finance
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building
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Dear Senator Wilken:

Thank you for copying us with the questions posed to you by Mr. Wilson, PAC. In addition to the answers to your questions noted below, we have provided you with an education and training comparison of all health care professions in Alaska.

I will respond to his questions one by one, but first let me highlight the most salient point: Naturopathic Education surpasses most other health professionals in Alaska who already have prescriptive rights.

Fact #1: Mr. Wilson is a PA-C
PA-C Training: 4-yr. Bachelor's degree and 18 – 24 months master's degree. Must work under supervision of a physician.

Fact: #2 ND (naturopathic medicine)
ND Training: 4-yr Bachelor's degree with pre-medical/science emphasis and 4-5 years post-graduate training in naturopathic medical school; externship required for graduation; increasing availability of residency options

Fact: #3 MD (allopathic medicine)
MD Training 4-yr Bachelor's degree in pre-medical/science and 2-5 years of post-graduate training in allopathic medical school; internship, residency.

Response to Mr. Wilson's Questions:

#1 It is contrary to a D.N.'s training to prescribe "drugs" in that they are trained in the use of herbal, vitamin and natural remedies. Use of prescription medication would be a dangerous adjunct to natural medicines.

- 1). Reponse:** In the 13 states where naturopathic physicians have prescription rights
- ⇒ Naturopathic physicians must graduate from a CNME- Federally approved naturopathic medical college
 - ⇒ Pass the pharmacology exam as administered by NPLEX (Federal Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination)
 - ⇒ Be licensed by the state where they practice
 - ⇒ Obtain a Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration number.
 - ⇒ Remain current with continuing education required by the state

With these stringent requirements met, NDs in these states safely prescribe or administer prescription or controlled substances WHEN THEY NEED TO.

#2. I was not aware and was impressed by the amount of education a D.N. has BUT I am concerned that although they have pharmacology training in school, they do not have adequate clinical experience (or practical application of drug prescribing in clinical setting). Whereas, allopathic M.D.'s have a huge amount of prescribing and follow-up of mediations in their training.

2). Response: I offer the following comparison (see attached detail)

	Allopathic ^{1 MD}	Osteopathic ^{2 DO}	Naturopathic ^{3 ND}
Pharmacology	114	108	100

Table 2: Comparison of major naturopathic and allopathic medical school clinical training

	National ND	Bastyr ND	Southwest ND	John Hopkins MD	Yale MD	Stanford MD
Clerkships and Clinical Therapeutics						
Total Hours	3120	2833	3050	3391	2891	3897

Sources:

- American Association of American Medical Colleges, Curriculum directory (1996-1997)
- National College of Naturopathic Medicine catalogs (1995-1997)
- Bastyr University of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences catalogs (1996-98)
- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences catalogs (1996 - 1998)

Additionally, the profession of Naturopathy has grown exponentially over the past 20 years. As this occurs, increasing opportunities for clinical and residential experiences expands.

#3. The bill is too broad. Currently one could prescribe antibiotics to dangerous heart medications, to chemotherapy. Allopathic M.D. would most likely not prescribe medication outside of their specialty, as it would be considered outside of the "standard of care". If a bill were passed a formulary would be much more acceptable and safe.

3). Response: Mr. Wilson suggests that an ND might be tempted to prescribe outside of their training/education and that an MD "would most likely not" prescribe inappropriately. This is not realistic. A good "Doc" is a good "Doc". ND's will be liable for malpractice on par with MD's and under the auspicious of the Div. of Occupational Licensing.

#4. The D.N.'s do not have their own board. I am uncomfortable with the Division of Occupational Licensing providing oversight, discipline, etc. in this matter.

4).Response: The Administration and the Div. of Occupational Licensing have opposed the creation of any new boards & commissions. In a meeting with the Div. of Occ Licensing, Director Rick Urion urged the ND's to avoid the "extra layer of bureaucracy" and simply rewrite the authority given to the profession. The Division will continue enforcement of public protection as they do with all other professions. The Division has provided a Zero Fiscal Note and would, I am sure, respond as stated above.

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#5. Another slippery path is the prescribing of controlled substances. We already have in our State, over prescribing of narcotic medications. Oxycontin is a real problem. This is being done by highly trained physicians and practitioners. Adding another practitioner to this would be more possible violations.

5) Response: Sites the problems of an out of control and over use of prescriptions of narcotic medications such as Oxycontin by "highly trained physicians and practitioners". I have been told that PA's are among the professions with the highest number of ongoing investigations and complaints. This could be easily verified by asking the Div. of Occ. Licensing to produce numbers of complaints and investigations ongoing for each of the professions having prescriptive rights. The Div. Of Occ. Licensing has reported that in 17 years there have been no disciplinary actions taken against Naturopathic Physicians. In Oregon, where there are over 600 practicing N.D.'s and where they have had prescription rights the longest, there have been only 2 instances of misuse of narcotics and no reported drug related patient injury disciplinary actions.

#6. To give prescribing privileges to D.N.'s (about 20-25 in Alaska) would not significantly improve health care delivery, access or cost.

6)Response: Under current law, when my patients have an infection needing an antibiotic, a superficial cut that needs suturing (minor surgery), or hormone treatment therapy, they must make another appointment with a PA or MD, providing that they have an open practice and can see my patient sooner than 2-3weeks out, at additional expense to the patient and/or their insurance. How can this delayed remedy to the consumer and increased cost be a good public health policy? Hence, the consumer pays TWICE; physically and monetarily! In addition, ND's in Alaska average approx 1500 patient contacts per year. This is 30,000 patient visits per year, not an insignificant number.

#7. The prescribing of medication in 2004 is so complex as to have any number of drug interactions, contraindications and serious adverse reactions; current highly trained practitioners are having significant problems in drug therapy injuries and deaths. To add another lesser-trained practitioner to this list would pose a potential threat to public safety.

7)Response: To say that to give ND's prescription rights would not improve health care delivery is an emotional rather than a factual response. See answer #6. Consumer choice that IMPROVES public safety and REDUCES cost, at no cost to the community or state is a win-win solution for the consumers and state. Further, as shown in response #1, ND's have more training than PA's and is NOT "another lesser trained practitioner".

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#8. I do feel there are superior D.N's who would not have a problem or pose a threat, but oversight towards the potential disciplinary problems would not be adequate to protect the public.

8)Response: As indicated in Response #5, it has been suggested by the Div. of Occupational Licensing that other health professionals have far more infractions, investigations and violations requiring the attention of the Division than N.D's when comparing the record with the Federal DEA. The Division of Occupational Licensing has issued a zero fiscal note because they do not foresee a significant caseload increase because of this legislation.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to provide a factual response to these questions and to further educate other health care professions in Alaska about the practice of Naturopathy. We look forward to working together with all health care professionals to ensure the public safety, welfare, and affordability of quality health care for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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Appendix C
**A Comparison of Licensed Medical Professions
 In The State of Alaska**

Licensed Practical Nurse	9 months to 2 year practical nursing program, the 1 year program being the most common
Registered Nurse	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2-yr. Associate's degree. or • A 3-yr. Diploma program, (hospital based), or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 3-yr. Master's degree in nursing, or • A 4-yr. Bachelor's degree in another discipline and a 4-yr. Nursing Doctorate program
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	In addition to holding a license as a Registered Nurse, an A.R.N.P. completes one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 9 month to 2 year certificate program in specialty, or • A 2 year Master's degree certified in specialty
Physician's Assistant (PA)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree and 18 to 24 months master's degree (must work under the supervision of a physician)
Allopathic Physician (MD)	4-yr. Bachelor's degree in pre-medical and 2 to 5 years of post-graduate training in allopathic medical school; internship, residency
Naturopathic Physician (ND)	4-yr Bachelor's degree with pre-medical/science emphasis and 4 to 5 years post-graduate training in naturopathic medical school; externship required for graduation; residency options becoming more available

Appendix B

Comparison of Naturopathic And Major Medical Schools

	National	Bastyr	Southwest	John Hopkins	Yale	Stanford
Basic and Clinical Sciences Anatomy, Cell Biology, Physiology, Pathology, Neuroscience, Clinical / Physical Diagnosis, Histology, Genetics Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Lab Diagnosis, Pharmacognosy, Public Health, History, Philosophy, Ethics, Research and other coursework.	1548	1639	1419	1771	1420	1383
Clerkships (1) and Allopathic Therapeutics Lecture and Clinical Instruction in Dermatology, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Radiology, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Neurology, Surgery (2), Ophthalmology, and Clinical Electives.	2244	1925	1920	3391	2891	3897
Advanced Naturopathic Therapeutics	--	44	20	--	--	--
Ayurvedic Medicine	--	22	20	--	--	--
Botanical Medicine	96	110	120	--	--	--
Counseling (4)	144	143	100	--	--	--
Homeopathy	144	88	140	--	--	--
Hydrotherapy	48	39	40	--	--	--
Naturopathic Case Analysis / Management (5)	--	66	120	--	--	--
Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy	156	176	180	--	--	--
Naturopathic Medicine						
Naturopathic Philosophy	72	55	60	--	--	--
Oriental Medicine	72	33	200	--	--	--
Therapeutic Nutrition (3)	144	132	130	--	--	--
Subtotals:	876	908	1130	0	0	0
Total Reported Hours:	4668	4472	4469	5162	(+ thesis) 4311	5280

1. Clerkships are estimated to be 40 hours of mixed lecture and clinical training.
2. Naturopathic Physicians study minor surgery only.
3. No dedicated coursework in therapeutic nutrition appears in the college catalogs of Hopkins, Yale or Stanford, although they indicate that the subject is addressed in other courses.
4. Totals for John Hopkins, Yale and Stanford are included in psychiatry coursework.
5. Hours which could also be allocated to this category may be included elsewhere for some institutions because of terminology differences in the course

Sources: 1996-97 *Curriculum Directory* of the American Association of American Medical Colleges
 1995-97 catalog of National College of Naturopathic Medicine
 1996-98 catalog of Bastyr University
 1996-97 catalog of Southwestern College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences

March 28, 2004

Senator Gary Wilken
Co-chair Senate Finance

RE: SB 306 relating to naturopathic medicine

Dear Senator Wilken,

I am writing to oppose SB 306 as it is written.

Concerns:

1. Naturopaths are not trained in the use of conventional pharmaceutical agents. This was demonstrated in the hearing on HB 434 on March 24 when it became evident to House Labor and Commerce that the naturopaths were confused about some of the medications being discussed. The House has added a HESS committee referral to its version of this bill.
2. The definition of "minor surgery" is exceedingly vague. Is this referring to a shave biopsy of a skin lesion? Some people refer to abortion as "minor surgery"; would an abortion procedure be included? The legislature needs to more clearly define this term.
3. If naturopaths wish to practice as conventional healthcare providers, they need to fall under the same regulatory oversight as MDs, DOs, dentists, PAs, paramedics, RNs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and CNAs. It is reasonable that they be placed under the oversight of the Board of Medicine, since they want to use the title "physician" and practice conventional medicine.

It is my hope that Senate Finance will examine this bill closely and address these concerns.

Thank you for your service to Alaskans in the Legislature.

Respectfully,
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February 18, 2004

Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am ecstasically happy with the care I have received from Eagle River Naturopathic Medical Center over the past 4 years. Let me give you an overview of my history and why I chose Dr. Daniel Young as my primary care giver.

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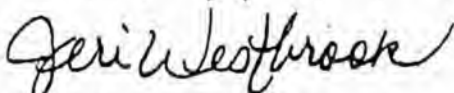
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Labor & Commerce
committee name

Committee on SB 306 Naturopathic Medicine, dated 2-26-04
bill # / subject public hearing date

I am writing in support of SB 306 concerning Naturopathic physicians. It is my opinion that a Naturopathic doctor should be allowed to perform minor surgery and prescribe drugs with a license. My family's primary physician is Dr. Patrick Huffman, a naturopathic physician practicing in both Soldotna and Homer. I have recommended him to many friends and other members of my extended family. The health insurance my husband and I have does not cover that care, so we pay out-of-pocket for most our visits to the doctor. We consider that a necessary expense.

People who are interested in naturopathic care not only want their symptoms removed, they want to try and find out the root cause of their problems and prevent any problems in the future. Traditional medicine is very weak in the area of cause and prevention. For the Legislature to spend time and resources to attract ASMA approved physicians to Alaska will not help those primarily interested in preventative medicine. I want to see the Legislature support and encourage those in the preventative field and continue to ensure health care choices for all.

The concern about allowing naturopathic doctors to prescribe drugs when they commonly stock and sell naturopathic medicines puzzles me. Those seem like concerns of people who are not familiar with preventative medicine practitioners. The whole purpose for natural medicines are to stay away from prescription drugs whenever possible. It's usually possible to do that, but not always. When I had an infection close to my eye I had to leave my naturopath's office and make another appointment to get antibiotics, as per the naturopath's recommendation. The herbal medications that are available for sale in the office are there for the convenience of the patients, not the doctor's profit. The medications are not harmless, but neither are they addictive or harmful to the body when taken as directed—unlike most prescription drugs which both help and harm (e.g. "side effects").

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed: _____

Karen Irak Ercelevski
Testifier

Representing (optional)

PO Box 66 Ninilchik, AK 99639

Address

907-567-3925

Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

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I am very much in favor of the passing of this bill, as I indicated in my partial testimony.

I have used allopathic, as well as Naturopathy and other alternative types of health care for over 45 years; in California, Oregon + Alaska.

I would like to have the ability to have the person I have carefully chosen to be my family's primary care physician be just that! — + not have to go through a medical Dr. for services + prescriptions that my naturopath + as qualified to do or prescribe.

Signed: *Paula Finn*
Testifier

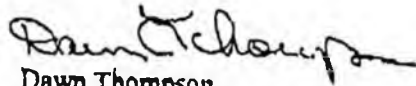
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PO Box 650, Kenai AK 99610
Address

907 260-4618
Phone number

Fax #456-3346

I support SB-306 which would allow naturopathic doctors to prescribe medicines.


Dawn Thompson

SB 306 - Prescriptive Rights for Naturopathic Doctors

February 26, 2004

I strongly support this bill providing prescriptive rights for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline J. Debbaut

2/26/04

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Bill # 307 regarding
Expanding Naturopathic Practice.
I have found the Holistic approach
Very beneficial for keeping me in
the best of health.

Paul J. Rogers
4595 China Small
Tracts
Fairbanks, AK 99709



Alaska Center for Natural Medicine

104 Kutter Road • Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 • (907) 452-3600

February 26, 2004

To whom it may concern:

As a licensed acupuncturist and owner of Alaska Center for Natural Medicine I am in favor of passing bill # SB306. Our patients would benefit with better medical care if our Naturopathic doctors were able to prescribe antibiotics for patients in need instead of having to refer to another doctor for care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Luper".

Heather Luper L.Ac
President, ACNM

2/26/04

I am in favor of
Bill SB306.

Sheree Warner
Massage Therapist
PO Box 82707
Faulkner AK
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452 5856

TO: Senate, Labor and Commerce



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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I encouraged all to consider & pass SB 306 based on the following information:

① This would enable Doctor/patient relationship to be more complete when dealing with ailments that require prescription medications

② it would be more economical for patients to receive care at one office rather than spending additional monies to get required medications from other (AMA) sources

③ it would be less redundant for patients receiving recommendations from more than one Doctor.

③ Personal note: I have been a patient of naturopathic medicine for 15 years - the alternative to drug therapy via herbal intervention save my life; this was accomplished thru less side effects.

SIGNED:

Testifier

Chris Buchanan

Representing

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Address / Phone Number



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Sports Academy

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Senate Labor & Commerce

SB 306

I am in favor of this
bill.

Dr Bill McAfee DC

[Fwd: [Fwd: House bill 434 and senate bill 306]]

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: House bill 434 and senate bill 306]]

Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 17:01:28 -0900

From: Jane Alberts <Jane_Alberts@Legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Brian Hove <Brian_Hove@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: [Fwd: House bill 434 and senate bill 306]

Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 09:34:39 -0900

From: Senator Con Bunde <senator_con_bunde@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Jane Alberts <Jane_Alberts@Legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: House bill 434 and senate bill 306

Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2004 18:05:06 -0900

From: "Judith Mack & Jon Ah You" <jmack@alaska.net>

To: <Senator_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Mr. Bunde,

As a health care consumer in the state of Alaska, I am writing this letter to support House Bill 434 and Senate Bill 306. These bills will expand the scope of practice of Alaska's Naturopathic physicians thereby enabling them to serve their patients more effectively.

Our family uses a naturopath for all avenues of healing. We would prefer to have our ND prescribe medicines when we need them instead of going to the neighborhood "First Care". Our naturopath knows our history and can prescribe accordingly. Being able to use the naturopath for minor surgery such as wart removal would be very helpful.

Please consider these very important health care bills.

Thank you,

Judith Mack

Jane Alberts, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee Aide <jane_alberts@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: SB 306]]

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To: Brian Hove <Brian_Hove@legis.state.ak.us>

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Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 09:34:47 -0900

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To: Jane Alberts <Jane_Alberts@Legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: SB 306

Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2004 18:06:40 -0900

From: "Mary Stallone" <mary.stallone@acsalaska.net>

To: <Senator_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us>

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Please support better access and choice in primary care for all Alaskans by endorsing
HB 434 and SB 306.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Stallone

Mailing address: P.O. Box 240086
Anchorage, AK 99524

Physical address: 4600 Sandy Beach Drive

Jane Alberts, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee Aide <jane_alberts@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: SB 306

Date: Thu, 26 Feb 2004 01:37:54 +0000

From: "Stacey Marz" <stacey_marz@hotmail.com>

To: Senator_Ralph_Seekins@legis.state.ak.us, Senator_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us,
Senator_Betty_Davis@legis.state.ak.us, Senator_Hollis_French@legis.state.ak.us

February 25, 2004

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I hope you will support this legislation,

Stacey Marz

Jean Tsigonis MD
1001 Noble St.
Fairbanks, AK 99701
March 30, 2004

Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Senator Wilkin and Senator Green and Committee:

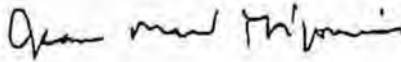
I would like you to think long and hard about the Naturopath request to prescribe medications and to call themselves Family doctors. I would ask you not to support the bill.

I think this is a dangerous situation to allow. Their education is not the same as the medical doctor path. Presently, the medical doctors are under tough scrutiny to practice excellent care. The checks and balances are in place. I would hope that you would apply the same expectations of excellence for the Naturopaths. If you feel they are capable of practicing medicine, then they should have close supervision.

Please feel free to contact me at home or work.

457-8500 (H) 459-3511 (W)

Sincerely yours,



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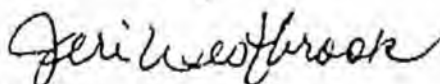
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Subject: Education

Date: Mon, 1 Mar 2004 13:49:11 -0900

From: "Dr Daniel J. Young" <eagledoc@mtaonline.net>

To: "Jane Alberts " <jane_alberts@legis.state.ak.us>

CC: "Linda Anderson" <lindaa@gci.net>, "Scott Luper" <drluper@ptialaska.net>

Jane,

I enjoyed talking with you on the phone today. I hope that I answered your question about our education. We also had Dr. Clyde Jensen who has a PhD in pharmacology, physiology testify at both our hearings. He is in the unique position to comment on similarities between medical education because he has been a president of naturopathic medical school, osteopathic medical school, and allopathic (MD) medical school. He stated in his testimony that the education basic and clinical between all 3 professions is similar. I am sure that I could arrange a phone meeting with Dr. Jensen and Sen. Bunde if you think it would be a good idea,

I will have information on the "standard of care" by the end of the week. In short, ours is better because we spend more time with our patients. We get better results. I will back this up.

Here are some very helpful websites as I mentioned on the phone.

<http://www.aanmc.org/index.php>

<http://cnme.org/>

If there is anything else that I can help you or Sen. Bunde with please let me know. My phone is 694-5522 (wk) and 696-7053 (hm).

Thanks,
Dan Young

Appendix E:
Comparison of Naturopathic And Major Medical Schools



| | National | Bastyr | Southwest | John Hopkins | Yale | Stanford |
|---|----------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| Basic and Clinical Sciences
Anatomy, Cell Biology, Physiology,
Pathology, Neuroscience, Clinical / Physical
Diagnosis, Histology, Genetics Biochemistry,
Pharmacology, Lab Diagnosis,
Pharmacognosy, Public Health, History,
Philosophy, Ethics, Research and other
coursework. | 1548 | 1639 | 1419 | 1771 | 1420 | 1383 |
| Clerkships (1) and Allopathic
Therapeutics
Lecture and Clinical Instruction in
Dermatology, Family Medicine, Psychiatry,
Internal Medicine, Radiology, Pediatrics,
Obstetrics, Gynecology, Neurology,
Surgery (2), Ophthalmology, and Clinical
Electives. | 2244 | 1925 | 1920 | 3391 | 2891 | 3897 |
| Advanced Naturopathic Therapeutics | -- | 44 | 20 | -- | -- | -- |
| Ayurvedic Medicine | -- | 22 | 20 | -- | -- | -- |
| Botanical Medicine | 96 | 110 | 120 | -- | -- | -- |
| Counseling (4) | 144 | 143 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Homeopathy | 144 | 88 | 140 | -- | -- | -- |
| Hydrotherapy | 48 | 39 | 40 | -- | -- | -- |
| Naturopathic Case Analysis /
Management (5) | -- | 66 | 120 | -- | -- | -- |
| Naturopathic Manipulative Therapy | 156 | 176 | 180 | -- | -- | -- |
| Naturopathic Medicine | | | | | | -- |
| Naturopathic Philosophy | 72 | 55 | 60 | -- | -- | -- |
| Oriental Medicine | 72 | 33 | 200 | -- | -- | -- |
| Therapeutic Nutrition (3) | 144 | 132 | 130 | -- | -- | -- |
| Subtotals: | 876 | 908 | 1130 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Reported Hours: | 4668 | 4472 | 4469 | 5162 | (+ thesis)
4311 | 5280 |

1. Clerkships are estimated to be 40 hours of mixed lecture and clinical training.
2. Naturopathic Physicians study minor surgery only.
3. No dedicated coursework in therapeutic nutrition appears in the college catalogs of Hopkins, Yale or Stanford, although they indicate that the subject is addressed in other courses.
4. Totals for John Hopkins, Yale and Stanford are included in psychiatry coursework.
5. Hours which could also be allocated to this category may be included elsewhere for some institutions because of terminology differences in the course

Sources: 1996-97 *Curriculum Directory* of the American Association of American Medical Colleges
1995-97 catalog of National College of Naturopathic Medicine
1996-98 catalog of Bastyr University
1996-97 catalog of Southwestern College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences

Handwritten notes: "std of care" with an arrow pointing to "Bunde" (Law Bunde) and "against".

Chairman Bunde and Honorable members of the Committee, SL+C, 2/26/04

PO Box 2981

My name is Wayne Aderhold and I live in Homer AK District ?_35-R

I am urging you to support SB 306 regarding Naturopathic medical practice.

I very actively choose to have naturopathic PRIMARY healthcare and support legislation to allow my naturopathic physician be able to:

- Write for prescription medications as outlined in the bill, and
- Perform minor surgery

Naturopathic physicians have a right to practice commensurate with their training and to provide even more comprehensive primary care to their patients in Alaska, AND I HAVE A RIGHT TO RECEIVE THAT CARE IN MY HOME STATE.

I currently use the services of the following naturopathic physicians on a regular basis, for approximately 95% of the "physician" services that I use in my primary care:

- Patrick Huffman - Homer & Soldotna
- Jason Harmon - Anchorage
- Torrey Smith - Anchorage
- Daniel Rubin - Arizona

I also use on an occasional basis and for consultation:

- Michael Traub - Hawaii
- Emily Kane - Juneau

Handwritten notes: "cannot have NO surgery", "done by left of problem (rubin) surgery", "served ind." with arrows pointing to the list of doctors.

In 2002, upon finding I had developed a melanoma (cancer), I proceeded to immediately see surgical treatment, along with a very aggressive, non-toxic, adjuvant therapy using a team led by naturopathic physicians (Harmon/Rubin/Huffman). This amounted to a truly "complimentary" approach. I spent approximately \$20,000 out of pocket for treatment in Arizona due to the presence of a "cutting-edge" clinic led by a naturopathic physician (Rubin), that existed because of the progressive nature of medical law in Arizona. I continue to spend almost 100% of my ongoing healthcare dollars on naturopathic, preventive treatment through Alaska naturopaths, supported by "outside" naturopaths. if laws had been different then, I might have been able to opt for that treatment in my home state. Luckily for me, Alaska is at least progressive enough to recognize naturopathic medicine to some degree. This is not the case in every state, and I am thankful for that much.

Naturopathic healthcare is supported by informed consumers throughout this State because it is effective both medically and financially. Consumers of naturopathic services are required to take an active part in decision-making and responsibility for their own health. Naturopathic physicians are true followers of the tenet to "first, do no harm". The rights that are supported by this bill are a small step on the path that Alaska needs to follow to reach the goal of being a healthy and financially secure place to live.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of SB 306.

Handwritten notes: "let free market system, run by consumers (not excessive regulation) prevail -"

Handwritten notes: "Risk: much malpractice insurance rates - health insurance of 'problems'"

Handwritten note: "Healthcare = expensive business"

Handwritten note: "current restrictions are within to consumers"

Background and info:

- I am a 54-yr old, "educated" health care consumer; who considers himself responsible for own health and health care choices ("do-it-yourself" when possible and sensible); I have strong feelings about the importance of good health care for our population .. to the point that I feel this is may be one of the few areas deserving of AK Permanent Fund backing (along with education, which is directly related)
- have formed choices through experience & results and research, having started out as an "AMA -influenced patient" due to parental choices ... my choices and opinions have definitely evolved through experience; not here to bash AMA and "physicians", but truth must be told with conclusions to stand on their own: a network of naturopathic physicians are my primary care physicians already, so they should have maximum rights to practice in order to serve my interests. Let an informed public and the professional peer boards decide these issues of "privileges".

Naturopaths I currently actively "use", or consult with:

- Michael Traub -Hawaii
- Patrick Huffman - Soldotna & Homer
- Torrey Smith - Anchorage
- Jason Harmon - Anchorage
- Daniel Rubin - Arizona
- Emily Kane - Juneau

My history with naturopathy:

- first experience with homeopathy (one facet of "naturopathic" practice) was in approx 1985, at start of child-rearing; after using homeopathy with 2 children
- first experience with a naturopath was in approx 1993 when dealing with an "allergy" problem for spouse, when found I had a severe low back injury (ruptured disk) and was initially told by (AMA) neurosurgeon that only path was surgery ... bottom line: worked with a naturopath and methodically resolved the problems to the point that I was able to continue working during rehab, and within about a year and a half was actually stronger and more "bullet proof" than I had been for probably 20 yrs prior (involved other complimentary modalities besides naturopathy but no "traditional (AMA)" treatments; I have been pain-free and a productive worker ever since, and have passed on my experienced to many interested, but disappointed, consumers of "traditional" medicine
- after that, have incorporated naturopathic and other complimentary treatment in regular care, to the point that I use this mode almost exclusively
- when confronted with **melanoma (cancer)** in 2002, went straight to naturopaths specializing in cancer treatment, after initial surgical intervention, for adjuvant therapy. Spent ~\$20,000 on aggressive, non-toxic treatment through a naturopathic-led clinic in Tempe, AZ ... this money is still currently **out-of-pocket and may never be reimbursed**, although "traditional" treatments (such chemo and radiation)would have been covered due to general acceptance of the industry. Incidentally, ND's in AZ can write prescriptions and my treatment involved one prescription medication (approx \$150 of my treatment). I continue to use naturopathic treatment regularly to support the initial treatment (Huffman, Harmon and Rubin) and monitor status through regular blood tests (which are analyzed "outside" since SPH policy does not allow ND's to order lab work ... ??? does this make any sense ??? is this constitutional .. this is another area needing fixing locally
- for a recent blood pressure issue, the use of a very small dose of a prescription drug was recommended by the naturopath and the nurse practitioner who work together in a truly complimentary practice ... the NP could write the prescription, but the ND couldn't ..does this make sense?? I don't think so.

- Naturopathic medicine requires the involvement of the patient in their own health .. a naturopathic "doctor" truly is a teacher (the meaning of doctor), and the patient should be a student (to learn, not just consume) ... ref Huffman's "sign up" sheet footer
- if you want to cut healthcare costs, then stressing naturopathic is the logical choice: it is extremely cost-effective due to reliance on consumers to make educated choices; it may appear expensive due to apparently high "hourly" rates but highly focused attention of the provider and long-term effectiveness are the ruler to be used
- AK legislature has a duty to at the very least allow, if not promote and encourage naturopathic medicine because it reflects the Alaskan spirit of individualism
- Arizona is the leader in naturopathic legislation due to constitutional recognition of "non-AMA" approaches to medicine, including Native American wisdom and tradition .. this has led to the growth of a significant "industry" in complimentary and alternative medicine, throughout the state but particularly in the Phoenix-Tucson area ?why couldn't Alaska move up near the forefront too – good for ??
- "first, do no harm" which school follows this basic tenet? ... overuse of powerful drugs & their side-effects, or more gentle "encouragement" of the body to take care of itself
- ("less is more") is a guiding tenet of this type of medicine ...
- quote from Anna MacIntosh:
- best protection against "quackery" (borrowing an AMA term) is informed consumers and strong peer review; research shows that the overwhelming problem with medical malpractice is the failure of physicians to weed out and "police" their own ... tort reform is NOT the answer
- promote commerce in Alaska (by opening up doors) .. don't send more business "outside" where laws are more enlightened .. put Alaska even higher on the front of truly modern medicine (get on board or out in front, the movement is well underway)



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Kenai, AK 99611
907-283-2030

Date: 2-26-04

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for
the 5140 teleconference hearing that was
scheduled on 2-26-04.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via
fax on 2-26-04.

Thank You,

M. B. Byrne



Alaska State Legislature

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I am very much in favor of the passing of this bill, as I indicated in my partial testimony.

I have used allopathic, as well as naturopathy and other alternative types of health care for over 45 years; in California, Oregon + Alaska.

I would like to have the ability to have the person I have carefully chosen to be my family's primary care physician be just that! — + not have to go through a medical Dr. for services + prescriptions that my naturopath + as qualified to do or prescribe.

Signed: John Finnora
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Labor & Commerce
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I am writing in support of SB 306 concerning Naturopathic physicians. It is my opinion that a Naturopathic doctor should be allowed to perform minor surgery and prescribe drugs with a license. My family's primary physician is Dr. Patrick Huffman, a naturopathic physician practicing in both Soldotna and Homer. I have recommended him to many friends and other members of my extended family. The health insurance my husband and I have does not cover that care, so we pay out-of-pocket for most our visits to the doctor. We consider that a necessary expense.

People who are interested in naturopathic care not only want their symptoms removed, they want to try and find out the root cause of their problems and prevent any problems in the future. Traditional medicine is very weak in the area of cause and prevention. For the Legislature to spend time and resources to attract ASMA approved physicians to Alaska will not help those primarily interested in preventative medicine. I want to see the Legislature support and encourage those in the preventative field and continue to ensure health care choices for all.

The concern about allowing naturopathic doctors to prescribe drugs when they commonly stock and sell naturopathic medicines puzzles me. Those seem like concerns of people who are not familiar with preventative medicine practitioners. The whole purpose for natural medicines are to stay away from prescription drugs whenever possible. It's usually possible to do that, but not always. When I had an infection close to my eye I had to leave my naturopath's office and make another appointment to get antibiotics, as per the naturopath's recommendation. The herbal medications that are available for sale in the office are there for the convenience of the patients, not the doctor's profit. The medications are not harmless, but neither are they addictive or harmful to the body when taken as directed—unlike most prescription drugs which both help and harm (e.g. "side effects").

Thank you for your consideration.

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The Council on Naturopathic Medical Education

Degrees in Naturopathic Medicine Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can you compare the colleges? Which one is best?

We treat as confidential the information we receive from naturopathic medicine programs. All accredited programs have our recommendation, but we do not rank them. Each naturopathic college has unique qualities. We encourage prospective students to visit the campuses and to participate in the schools' student-for-a-day programs.

2. Does CNME recognize home-study schools or external-degree programs?

Many correspondence schools offer N.D. or N.M.D. degrees or diplomas. Some are exempt from state regulations because they claim a religious purpose or they do not recruit students from their home states. Correspondence programs do not prepare students for practice as licensed naturopathic physicians, and the programs are not eligible for affiliation with our agency. In states without licensing laws, it is not illegal for those who obtain N.D. or N.M.D. degrees from correspondence schools to use the initials after their names; they may not, however, legally represent themselves as physicians or engage in the practice of medicine unless they are otherwise licensed as medical practitioners. Although correspondence courses can be effective in many disciplines, naturopathic licensing agencies do not believe they are adequate for preparing students as physicians. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians and the Canadian Naturopathic Association do not consider those who obtain N.D. or N.M.D. degrees from correspondence schools to be part of the naturopathic medical profession.

3. Is there a difference between the N.D. and the N.M.D. degree?

Universities and colleges may choose to call the naturopathic degree they confer either the "Doctor of Naturopathy" or the "Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine" degree. These are two different names for the same degree. By either name, the degree is usually abbreviated "N.D.," but an institution that refers to its naturopathic credential as the "Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine" degree may abbreviate it either "N.D." or "N.M.D." Presently, all colleges and universities with accredited or candidate naturopathic medicine programs confer the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree or, in Canada, the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine diploma. In all states and provinces that regulate naturopathic medicine, except Arizona, naturopathic physicians use the N.D. initials after their names. In Arizona, they may use either the N.D. or N.M.D. initials; the different sets of initials do not indicate a difference in scope of practice, but only a preference by the individual physicians. The N.D. initials are the ones more widely associated with the naturopathic medical profession and are the only ones used in the corporate seals of both the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians and the Canadian Naturopathic Association.

4. What does "candidate for accreditation" mean?

Candidacy is a status of affiliation with us that indicates a naturopathic medicine program satisfies our agency's 17 eligibility requirements — e.g., that it is properly organized, is adequately supported financially, has good facilities and a qualified faculty, offers an appropriate curriculum, and accurately represents itself to prospective students. Candidacy, however, is not accreditation and does not ensure eventual accreditation. We grant candidacy when a program meets our eligibility requirements, complies with our standards to the degree expected for its stage of development, and is progressing toward accreditation. If it does not achieve accreditation within five years, the program loses affiliation with us for at least one year and until deficiencies are corrected. A new program may apply for candidacy at any time, but CNME will not grant candidacy until after at least

its first academic year with students enrolled full time. A naturopathic medicine program may not be accredited until it has graduated its first class. Students and graduates of candidate programs are eligible to apply for the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations, administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (www.nabne.org).

5. What criteria does CNME use in evaluating naturopathic medicine programs?

The evaluation process involves a comprehensive self-study by the program, periodic visits to the campus by CNME teams, and ongoing monitoring. Evaluation teams have three or more trained members, with at least one a practicing naturopathic physician, another a member of the Council, and another not affiliated with the naturopathic profession, its colleges, or CNME. Our *Handbook of Accreditation for Naturopathic Medicine Programs* (2002 edition, 80 pages) contains our objectives, eligibility requirements, standards, policies, procedures, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws. The handbook is available for on-site review and photocopying (no permission needed) at the library or an administrative office of each program affiliated with us, or it may be ordered for \$20 (U.S.), prepaid: CNME, 3535 Peachtree Road, Suite 520-209, Atlanta, GA 30326-3287. A PDF version (650 KB) is available free by e-mail upon request.

6. Where may N.D.s practice?

Twelve states and four provinces allow the practice of naturopathic medicine: Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Manitoba, Montana, New Hampshire, Ontario, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Utah, Vermont, and Washington. Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands also have licensing laws for naturopathic doctors. In Florida, a few naturopathic physicians who were licensed under an old law still practice under the state's medical board, but no new N.D.s have been licensed there since the 1950s. In California, a new naturopathic licensing law takes effect on January 1, 2004. The scope of practice varies from state to state and province to province. In states and provinces without naturopathic licensing laws, many who hold the N.D. degree also hold other degrees, such as the Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Chiropractic, or Masters in Oriental Medicine degree, and they practice under licenses for those professions. Others offer services that do not violate their states' medical practice acts. Most naturopathic physicians are in the states and provinces that regulate the profession.

7. How is CNME organized?

CNME was incorporated in August 1978 under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act and is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Board members are elected by the board itself, who are also the organization's only voting members. Presently, two of CNME's eleven board members are public members; a public member is not affiliated in any way with the naturopathic profession. The board has three positions for institutional member representatives, who are elected rotationally for three-year terms from among administrators and faculty members at the five accredited and candidate naturopathic medicine programs. Our Articles of Incorporation also require from four to six profession members, who must be licensed naturopathic physicians. Six profession members currently serve on the board.

8. How does someone start a new naturopathic college?

Siting a new naturopathic program within an existing college or university is preferable to beginning a freestanding naturopathic medical college, unless the organizing group has the necessary assets and extensive experience in higher education administration. CNME can refer organizations with the potential for developing a new program to consultants. Any new program, to qualify for accreditation, would likely need to be in a state or province that licenses naturopathic physicians, because students do their clinical training primarily under practicing naturopathic physicians. Additionally, state authorities probably would not approve a college's request to grant the N.D. degree in a state that does not allow the practice of naturopathic medicine.

09. May I be licensed in the United States or Canada if I attend an overseas naturopathic college?

Because no international standards for naturopathic education exist other than those for the U.S. and Canada, students who graduate from naturopathic colleges in other countries are not eligible to apply for the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations. The exams are administered twice a year at the state and provincial level by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Portland, Oregon (www.nabne.org). Students who attend an overseas school may have some course credits accepted for transfer to a U.S. or Canadian school if the foreign school is a graduate-level institution and governmentally recognized. If you plan to spend the first year or two of naturopathic studies at a foreign school, you should first check with one of the U.S. or Canadian naturopathic colleges to learn if any credits may be transferred later.

10. May I be licensed in the United States if I attend naturopathic college in Canada, and vice versa?

If you graduate from a CNME-recognized naturopathic program in the U.S., you may apply for a license in the four Canadian provinces that regulate naturopathic medicine. If you graduate from a CNME-recognized college in Canada, some states will accept your licensing application, but several will not. This is because private colleges in Canada do not confer degrees but "diplomas," e.g., the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine diploma. Some state laws have language that specifically requires an N.D. "degree." U.S. students who plan to attend naturopathic college in Canada should first check with the naturopathic licensing agencies in the states where they will practice to make sure they can apply for a license with a Canadian diploma. See question 6 above for the names of the states and two U.S. territories that license naturopathic doctors. For information on contacting the naturopathic licensing agency in one of these states or territories, please e-mail us at dir@cnme.org or call us at 404.467.0045 (Central Time Zone).

11. What is the difference between CNME and the other organizations that accredit naturopathic programs?

CNME is the organization that accredits programs which prepare students to become licensed naturopathic physicians. It is the accrediting agency accepted by the U.S. and Canadian professional associations for licensed naturopathic doctors, and it is the agency recognized by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. CNME is also the only naturopathic accreditor with membership in the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors. This organization accepts as members those accreditors recognized by the Secretary of Education or that meet ASPA's own criteria. Among the almost 50 agencies that belong to ASPA are the recognized accreditors for allopathic (M.D.), osteopathic (D.O.), chiropractic (D.C.), acupuncture, and dental programs. Other naturopathic accrediting agencies accredit correspondence and other schools that do not prepare students to practice as licensed naturopathic physicians. None is recognized by the Secretary of Education, and none of the schools or programs they accredit has institutional accreditation from a recognized regional accrediting agency. Comparing the published standards, policies, procedures, and bylaws of accrediting agencies is one way to determine their differences. For CNME, these documents are in its Handbook. Please see question 5 above for information on obtaining the Handbook.

12. What does "recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education" mean?

Accrediting agencies with the Secretary of Education's recognition have been found in compliance with the federal regulations that apply to accrediting agencies. The recognition means the schools or specialized educational programs that the accreditor accredits are eligible to seek participation in programs sponsored by federal agencies. Students and graduates of U.S. naturopathic medicine programs with CNME accreditation are eligible to apply for such federal programs as the Academic Research Enhancement Awards and the Loan Repayment Program administered by the National

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SB 306 NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathic medicine; and providing for an effective date."

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