

April 17, 2019

The Honorable Greg Bonnen, MD
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768

Re: HB 2367

Dear Representative Bonnen:

I am writing on behalf of the Texas Orthopaedic Association (TOA) to provide support for HB 2367. TOA is a volunteer organization of over 1,400 Texas orthopaedic surgeons that was founded in 1936 to ensure outstanding musculoskeletal care for Texans.

When individuals purchase a PPO product, they have a right to select the facility or provider that they feel is the best for the patient and condition, regardless of their network status. When employers select an insurance plan, they may want to provide their employees with the most choices by paying more for a PPO product. For both individuals and employers, they may be provided a network of providers when they sign up that then changes over time.

Despite the efforts of HB 574 from the 84th Legislature, we are still witnessing cases in which commercial health insurance plans are intimidating physicians into referring patients only to in-network providers. HB 2367 would address this problem.

Thank you for introducing this important legislation for patients.

Sincerely,



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President
Texas Orthopaedic Association