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**From:** Frank, Caroline <caroline\_frank@brown.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 1:33 PM  
**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Subject:** Expanding practitioners covered by health insurance

Dear Study Commission Members,

With access to healthcare literally falling apart in Rhode Island, and the pool of doctors shrinking, the proposed bill to expand coverage to naturopathic physicians could not be more timely.

I personally have been cured of a serious gastrointestinal issue through working with a naturopath, a cranial sacral therapist, and yogic meditation. None of these practitioners are covered by insurance. I am fortunate to have the means to pay; most people do not.

Please help foster these proven curative modes of healthcare, and hopefully you will find a new way to draw people back to Rhode Island. Our state currently has a very poor ranking and reputation for access to life-changing healthcare. Young families and seniors are fleeing!

Sincerely,  
Caroline Frank, Ph.D.