

Sample Letter to Congressman regarding HB 2959

**Honorable _____
House of Representatives
Washington, DC**

Dear Representative _____

I respectfully request your support and sponsorship of HB2959/S2174. This bill was introduced by Congressional Representatives George Nethercutt (R-WA) and Diane DeGette (D-CO) in the House and Senators Bunning (R-KY) and Mikulski (D-MD). These bills would amend the Title XIX definition of physician to include podiatric physicians.

Since its inception in 1965, the services of podiatrists have been considered optional in the Medicaid program. In times of fiscal crisis, states and districts may discontinue reimbursing “optional providers” for those services in a misguided effort to control costs.

HB2959 would amend Social Security Act’s Title XIX, Section 1905(a)(5)(A) to make it consistent with Title XVIII’s physician definition and include podiatrists as physicians within their scope of practice for the purpose of treating Medicaid beneficiaries without hindrance.

As a practicing podiatrist, I have treated thousands of Medicaid recipients and have recognized systemic diseases like Diabetes and have prevented many lower extremity amputations through proper foot and ankle care.

On behalf of the Medicaid recipients and the podiatrists you represent, please support and sponsor this legislation. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Note: You may customize this letter as much as you need. This is just a sample.