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Idaho House of Representatives
Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho
Re: SB 1254 – Chiropractic Nutrition Access

Dear Representative,

I am a licensed chiropractor in the state of Idaho and have qualified for and hold an **advanced chiropractic nutrition license**.

Under Idaho statute, chiropractors with this license are authorized to **obtain and administer specific nutrients**, including vitamins and minerals, by IV or injection for patient care. Despite this statutory authority, I have not been able to obtain these items for my patients.

Pharmacies and 503B facilities have informed me that they cannot provide items such as **saline bags, vitamins, or minerals** because the word *"prescription"* does not appear in chiropractic license language—even though these items are expressly permitted under the chiropractic nutrition statute.

As a result, chiropractors who have met the qualifications, paid the required state licensing fees, and complied with the law are unable to utilize the very tools the statute intended to allow for patient care.

This legislation **does not expand chiropractic scope of practice**. It simply clarifies the authority to prescribe and obtain **nutrients, oxygen, and epinephrine for emergencies** that chiropractors with advanced nutrition licensure are already authorized to administer under existing law.

I submit this letter to support SB 1254 and to help ensure chiropractors can practice in accordance with the qualifications and authority granted by Idaho statute.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Corey Matthews, DC FIAMA

Licensed Chiropractor – Idaho
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Hi Dr. Harper,

I wanted to let you know that we are unable to provide you and your clinic with medication at this time. All 503A pharmacies require patient prescriptions, as we are not for office use. In order for us to dispense medication, we would need you to provide us with a patient prescription. However, you do not have the prescribing rights to do so at this time. I apologize for any inconvenience this is causing. We would love to do business with you in the future, should anything change.

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Dr. Shawn A. Rudkin

February 9, 2026

Idaho House of Representatives
Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho

Re: Support for SB1254 – Clarification of Prescriptive Authority for Injectable Nutrients

I am writing as a licensed chiropractor in the State of Idaho in support of SB1254. Under current Idaho law, chiropractors are expressly authorized to obtain and administer injectable nutrients. However, despite this clear authorization, many Idaho chiropractors—including myself—are encountering significant and ongoing difficulty obtaining these injectable nutrients from pharmacies. The primary reason cited is that the statute does not explicitly include the word “*prescribe*,” even though it clearly states that chiropractors may *obtain and administer* these substances.

In practice, this omission has created confusion among pharmacies and suppliers, resulting in inconsistent access to products that chiropractors are already legally authorized to use. This has led to unnecessary barriers to patient care and administrative inefficiencies that were not intended by the original law.

SB1254 does not expand the scope of chiropractic practice. Rather, it provides critical statutory clarification by explicitly allowing chiropractors to prescribe and obtain the same injectable nutrients that the law already permits us to administer. The bill simply aligns the language of the statute with its original intent and real-world application.

By clarifying this authority, SB1254 ensures continuity of care for patients, reduces confusion for pharmacies, and supports regulatory consistency—without altering or enlarging the chiropractic scope of practice in Idaho.

Thank you for your consideration of this important clarification. I respectfully urge your support of SB1254.

Sincerely,

Shawn Rudkin, DC
Parma, Idaho