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June 11, 2026

To: Montana Licensing Reform Task Force

Re: Healthcare Licensing Board Composition, Consolidation, and Program-Conversion Options

Dear Licensing Reform Task Force members,

I write on behalf of Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP), a membership association representing massage therapists in Montana and across the country, in response to the proposed options put forth by the Licensing Reform Task Force Subcommittee on Healthcare's proposed options regarding healthcare board composition and to suggest a best course of action.

ABMP applauds the work you have undertaken in reducing red tape and barriers to entry for Montana's licensed professions. Your work will enable employment for countless Montanans and fill hiring gaps in many critical professions. After reviewing the options presented by the Healthcare Subcommittee on board composition, ABMP would like to offer suggestions based on our 40 years of experience in representing and supporting the massage therapy profession.

In an ideal world, we would implore you to allow the Board of Massage Therapy to continue to operate independently. In our experience, this gives a voice to the many fields within the massage therapy profession, making sure massage therapists and their clients are protected by high educational and professional standards. An independent board allows adequate time and attention to be given to the complex issues that are often unique to massage therapy, such as the fight against human trafficking and illicit massage businesses that can harm the profession.

However, we understand that everyone must make compromises to further the collective goal of streamlining and sharpening the licensure and regulation of professions in the state. In that spirit, ABMP can support your proposed Option 2: Merge Massage Therapy and Chiropractic into Alternative Healthcare. As you accurately predicted in your "cons" subsection, there will be resistance within the profession. We are willing to lend our assistance to help placate those in opposition, provided the board restructuring allows for fair and equal representation for massage therapists on the newly consolidated board. It is of vital importance that this proposed board allows massage therapists to have an equal say and a fair vote in all proceedings that could impact the profession. As I mentioned, massage therapy is a unique profession, even among the often eclectic world of alternative and complementary healthcare, with challenges most other professions do not face as well as high educational standards pertaining to human anatomy and potentially dangerous contraindications. Our practitioners could not, and would not, be adequately represented by the voice of an individual who is not a licensed massage therapist.

ABMP shares the same goal as the Task Force: We want to see licensing boards streamline processes without compromising the quality of their work. If we must consolidate the Board of Massage Therapy into a composite board, ABMP urges you to take all necessary steps to ensure massage professionals are equally and fairly represented among their peers.

We stand ready and willing to assist the Task Force however we can and are available to answer any questions your members may have.

Thank you,

Laura Puryear

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I would like to speak against allowing denturists to expose radiographs. I believe this is an unnecessary procedure that has no place in a denturists office. Exposing radiographs and having them interpreted elsewhere is only providing part of the picture. There are many other factors that determine oral/dental status. The denturists should be working in conjunction with a dentist for all of their patients. The denturists should be guided by dentists who have been educated to look at the many factors which go into patient oral health and general overall health. Thank you.

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Opposition to Expanding the Scope of Practice for Denturists

While I appreciate the important work denturists perform in Montana, I oppose the proposed expansion of the scope of practice for denturists.

Montana currently has only 24 licensed denturists. Montana is one of only six states that licenses denturists, while the remaining 44 states do not permit this model of practice. Given the limited number of practitioners, it is unclear that expanding the scope of practice would

The proposal is also unlikely to address workforce shortages. There is little evidence that expanding the scope of practice will attract a significant number of new denturists to Montana. Likewise, it is unlikely to improve access for rural residents. Most denturist practices are located in Montana's urban areas, while dentists currently provide care in many small communities throughout the state.

Finally, the Montana Board of Dentistry already includes representation from the denturist profession. The Board should carefully evaluate these issues and any potential patient-safety implications before considering scope-of-practice expansion.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to reject the proposed expansion and defer to the Montana Dental Board.

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What are your comments?

This is in response to the Denturist proposal. I do not feel that there should be an expansion in their scope of practice. Denturists are illegal in 44 other states, they do not have the training or expertise to take radiographs. Exposing patients to radiographs incorrectly can lead to increased risk to the public. This proposal will do little to add denturists to the workforce, nor will it help rural montanans as most denturists are in urban areas, unlike dentists who are located in many small towns. This is also not the correct place to address the scope of practice, the Board of Dentistry includes a denturist and should address these topics.

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What are your comments?

I am writing about the proposed significant expansion of the denturist scope of practice. There are only 24 licensees in all of Montana, which is one of only six states to allow it. It is illegal in the other 44. This will not substantially increase access to care.

Training does not equate to expertise nor even competence. We need to keep in mind the safety of Montanans.

Radiography especially carries increased risk to the public, especially over-radiation. And some of the proposals border on if not promoting diagnosis. There is no benefit to taking an x-ray if it can't be read.

This will also do little if anything to help rural Montanans. Most if not all denturist offices are in urban areas, unlike dentists who are in many small towns across the state.

The Board of Dentistry includes a denturist and should address these topics.

*Thanks for taking the time to read this and for your work on the task force,
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Two specific topics for the Health Care Subcommittee: (1) whether Montana should treat autonomous or semi-autonomous clinical AI as a provider-like actor; and (2) the need for healthcare boards and professional societies to define their posture before any licensure, sandbox, pilot, or model framework advances.

Disclaimer: I am submitting this comment as an out-of-state healthcare professional and public-record researcher who follows state-level clinical AI governance. I am not a Montana constituent and do not wish to represent myself as one. My interest is that Montana's discussions may become a reference point for other states considering AI in healthcare.

I am not submitting to oppose the use of AI in healthcare. Rural access, workforce shortages, administrative burden, and delays in care are real problems. States should examine serious tools that may help patients, clinicians, and communities.

My concern is about sequence.

Model frameworks for autonomous and semi-autonomous clinical AI systems are already being developed. These frameworks have the potential to be copied into state policy faster than healthcare boards and professional societies can react if they wait for a specific bill, vendor, pilot, or public controversy.

For that reason, I respectfully urge Montana's healthcare licensing boards and professional societies to define their postures toward clinical AI proactively.

The first question should not be: "How should Montana license AI providers?"

Instead, the threshold question is: "Should autonomous or semi-autonomous clinical AI be recognized as a provider-like actor at all, or should AI remain a tool used by accountable licensed humans?"

This distinction matters because once discussions begin inside the language of "AI providers" or "clinical AI licensure," healthcare professions may find themselves negotiating safeguards inside a framework they did not design.

I respectfully encourage Montana's medical, nursing, pharmacy, PA/NP, hospital, malpractice, patient-safety, rural-provider, privacy, and all relevant patient-advocacy stakeholders to define, before any legislative proposal advances:

- 1. Whether AI should ever be treated as a provider-like clinical actor.*
- 2. Which clinical functions should remain categorically off-limits to autonomous systems, including diagnosis, new prescribing, high-risk medication changes, controlled substances, psychiatric triage, pediatric care, emergency advice, and medication discontinuation.*
- 3. Which functions may be appropriate only as clinician-support tools, such as documentation, summarization, care-gap detection, refill queue triage, prior authorization support, patient education drafts, or remote-monitoring alerts.*
- 4. What minimum safeguards must exist before any clinical authority is delegated, including independent validation, named accountability, board jurisdiction, adverse-event reporting, audit logs, patient consent, opt-out rights, escalation rules, complaint pathways, malpractice coverage, and post-market surveillance.*
- 5. Which existing professional boards and societies must be involved before any authorization, pilot, sandbox, or licensure category is created.*

The fact that unregulated AI health advice may be risky does not automatically mean the correct answer is to create a new licensure category for autonomous or semi-autonomous clinical AI. That may be one proposal, but it should not become the default premise before the healthcare professions have defined their own position.

I respectfully encourage the Task Force to continue advancing high-consensus healthcare workforce and licensing reforms, while treating autonomous and semi-autonomous clinical AI as a separate threshold-governance issue.

Montana does not need to resolve that question prematurely in order to make progress on workforce access, licensing efficiency, telehealth, credentialing, or rural care.

In short, my request is simple: keep clinical AI in a further-study posture unless and until Montana's healthcare boards and professional societies have had a dedicated opportunity to answer the threshold questions themselves.

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I respectfully oppose expanding the scope of practice for denturists through this workforce initiative.

Montana currently has only 24 licensed denturists, and Montana is one of only six states that permits this profession. The fact that the vast majority of states do not authorize these expanded functions should give policymakers pause before broadening the scope of practice further.

Training alone does not necessarily establish the expertise, experience, or clinical judgment required to perform additional procedures safely and effectively. This concern is particularly important when proposals involve radiography, which carries risks to the public, including excessive radiation exposure if not performed appropriately. Some proposals also appear to approach, or potentially encourage, diagnostic activities that traditionally require the education and training of a licensed dentist.

Most importantly, decisions regarding the scope of practice for denturists should be made through the Board of Dentistry, which is the regulatory body with the expertise and statutory responsibility to evaluate standards of care, education, competency, and patient safety. The Board already includes representation from the denturist profession and is therefore well positioned to consider any proposed changes through the established regulatory process.

Any expansion of scope of practice should be based on demonstrated public benefit, evidence of competency, and a thorough review by the Board of Dentistry rather than through a broad workforce initiative. Patient safety and quality of care should remain the primary considerations.

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Dear Healthcare Committee members, first and foremost thank you for your efforts to improve access to Montanans in a safe and appropriate manner. I would like to comment on recommendation items 9 and 10 dealing with possible proposed expansion of services to be provided under a denturist license. For full disclosure, for 25 years I have been an actively practicing dentist in the state of Montana.

Recommendation 9: expand denturist scope of practice: From a review of available course curriculum of the accredited denturist training programs in the United States would lead to the conclusion that denturists in Montana are already allowed to practice to the full extent of their training.

Further, conducting an online review of current accredited schools providing denturist training in the US demonstrates that there are only 3 programs. Two of the programs, Bates Technical College and American Denturist College, state that the educational program is a diploma or AA degree program. Much of the learning is done remotely from home. Healthcare is a hands-on profession, knowledge and experience are crucial to good outcomes. The third school listed is New England of Denture Technicians and does not appear to be active as only live link takes you to a Facebook page that has not had any posts in 10 years. In order to expand denturist training into other realms of dentistry, denturist accredited training programs would have to greatly expand their curriculum to teach new aspects of dentistry to accommodate expansion of scope of practice as proposed under the Healthcare committee recommendation #9. Unfortunately, Dentistry is a broad and complicated field. Dentists hold doctorate degrees as they have spent a minimum of eight years in post-secondary education. The many that have specialized have 2-4 years of training beyond baseline eight. Access to care: There are only roughly 20-25 licensed denturists in Montana and nearly all practice in one of Montana's larger communities. Review of office locations demonstrated most practice in the Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, Missoula, Butte and Kalispell/Flathead valley. Current distribution would not support the rural access to care the recommendation suggests.

Recommendation #10: Allow Denturists to take Radiographs in Private Practice.

Patient safety is the greatest concern here. Training would need to be extensive addition to what the accredited denturist training programs already provide. Risk of over radiation is real.

There is also the concern that patients will have a false sense that they are disease free, just because "I had radiographs and they didn't say I had an issue". Previous and current mandated referral pathways have had mixed results at best.

Access: We already have dental offices in smaller, rural communities like Malta, Twin Bridges, Miles City, Thompson Falls, Havre, Libby just to name a few. Expanding scope of denturist practice to include radiographs does not seem to provide additional access to care in rural communities as they do not have a presence there to the extent dental teams do.

An alternative method to provide greater comprehensive oral healthcare access to rural communities might be for the State of Montana to work to increase tuition reimbursement/slots for education in Denturist, Dentist and Dental Hygiene programs. Maybe working in a framework like the WICHE program, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Tying in service to a rural community for access to reduced tuition/educational costs would help this mission.

*Thank you for your time and efforts!
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Dear members of the Healthcare Subcommittee:

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards has become aware of the potential consolidation plans for the Montana Massage Therapy Board.

While we typically support stand-alone boards, we will always support the most robust option for regulation. If this consolidation amplifies administrative resources and outreach of the board, we could be supportive. However, there needs to be sufficient representation of massage therapists.

While we understand the goal of the Task Force is to streamline licensure processes and reduce red tape, massage therapy has a very unique intersection with human trafficking. Ensuring that there are subject matter experts and people who understand this intersection is crucial. Also, the sufficient representation of massage therapists will help support the legitimacy of the decision making for both LMTs and the public.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if any members of the subcommittee would like data or more information on massage therapy regulation. Thank you for your continued work.

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I am opposed to the recommendations to the task force by the Montana denturists. I believe that the recommendations may pose a threat to public safety, is not going to be financially advantageous to Montana patients, and will not increase access to care. What is being recommended is an expansion of the scope of practice of denturists. The normal channel to address the expansion of scope of practice parameters would be for these proposals to be brought to and adjudicated by the board of dentistry, to ensure that the minimum educational requirements and standards for providing the specific patient care have been met. This is how this kind of request historically would be processed, and is my recommendation.
