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My name is Gary Romich and I am a licensed LPA with 30 years of experience. I have applied to all of the new Managed Care provider options for Medicaid through private insurers. Today I was informed that Optum has denied me access to their networks saying that my licensed psychological associate license doesn't meet their credentialing criteria. This keeps me from providing services to their clients in my county which has no licensed psychologists that I know of and if I am licensed in North Carolina then insurance providers should have to accept my credentials to provide services in the state. If it is good enough for North Carolina and Medicaid through Partners and other public agencies then private ones should have to accept them as well. This is exactly why the law needs to be changed to allow independent practice. Additionally insurance companies should be prohibited from excluding providers who have a licensure which isn't nationally accepted but licensed by the state in which they are providing managed care services.

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