



Oregon Residential Provider Association



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Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Health Care, Human Services and Rural Health Policy Committee
900 Court St. NE, S-413
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support for an Amended SB 1522-2- Behavioral and Socioeconomic Barriers to Health

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

We, the organizations listed below, believe that it is critical for our transformed health system to move towards accounting for the challenges and costs of treating people with behavioral and socioeconomic barriers to health. As you know, fully 60 percent of a person's health status is determined by social circumstances, behavioral patterns and environmental exposure. Unless we adjust for such barriers, Oregon's CCOs will realize neither the cost savings nor the health outcomes we want to achieve for these highly complex patients.

Yet no one in Oregon knows how to measure or adjust for such health barriers. An amended SB1522 would start us down this critical path -- towards identifying a process by which Oregon will establish outcome measures, a methodology to adjust such factors, and a reasonable timeline for making such adjustments to CCO global budgets.

We therefore urge you to VOTE YES on SB 1522-2.

- AARP
- APANO
- Archimedes Movement/We Can Do Better
- CareOregon
- CAUSA
- Center for Intercultural Organizing
- Central City Concern
- Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good
- Multnomah County Health Department
- National Association of Social Workers, Oregon Chapter
- Native American Rehabilitation Association
- Oregon Academy of Family Physicians
- Oregon Action
- Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Oregon Health Action Campaign
- Oregon Latino Health Coalition
- Oregon Law Center
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon Prevention Education and Recovery Association
- Oregon Primary Care Association
- Oregon Residential Provider Association
- SEIU Local 49
- Siskiyou Community Health Center
- Tillamook County Health Department
- Urban League of Portland
- Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic