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To: Members of the Senate Health Care, Human Services and Rural Health Policy

From: Human Services Coalition of Oregon

Date: February 3, 2012

Re: The Creation of Coordinated Care Organizations

The Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO) is comprised of over 100 organizations and individuals whose purpose is to educate and advocate in the Oregon Legislature for the health and dignity of all Oregonians.

During the 2011 session, HSCO adopted principles to guide the creation of Coordinated Care Organizations in Oregon. Now, as we step closer to their creation, it's important for us to look back at those principles and how they relate to the process by which this legislation will be developed and considered. This principle is especially germane:

The state's process for developing criteria for selecting "Coordinated Care Organizations" (CCOs), and the selection process itself, is transparent and open to public input.

We recognize the tremendous statewide effort that culminated in the legislation put forward by the Oregon Health Policy Board. We feel that it lives up to the principle stated above.

We understand that the legislature will want to fine-tune this legislation now that it has been drafted. We urge you to maintain the high level of transparency and public input that has taken us so far so quickly. The process to date has built public trust that these Coordinated Care Organizations will be creations of the community. We ask you to continue to honor that trust.

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