



morrison
child & family services

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Health Care Committee
Mitch Greenlick, Chair
900 SW Court Street
Salem, OR 98301

Re: House Bill 2020-3 relating to standards for health care providers serving member of coordinated care organizations

I am here today representing Morrison Child and Family Services (Morrison), a large mental health non profit agency of 400 plus employees, serving children and families primarily in the tri-county area; however we do serve a number of children across the state of Oregon in some of our more intensive specialty programs. Each year Morrison serves approximately 6,000 children impacted by trauma and adversity across a continuum of care from prevention services to staff secure residential programs.

I am writing to day to ask for your support of House Bill 2020-3. This is an important bill for Morrison as it will save us time and money and allow us to use our funds to better serve children and families. As we begin to fully work with Coordinated Care Organizations across the state we want to avoid what happened to us when the Mental Health Organizations were begun. Each time we were asked to serve a person from a different MHO we were required to apply for provider status and be credentialed with that MHO. As we have testified in the past this took hours of staff time and at substantial cost to the agency to fill out each MHOs application, gather each MHOs request for supportive documentation for our application and then at a later time submit to innumerable reviews to determine whether our evidence based practices were delivered just to their liking.

This bill is not complicated and contains NO hidden agendas!

This bill focuses on mental health and addiction provider's organizations;

It requires uniform standards be created to credential providers;

Once credentialed, any CCO will be able to contract with or utilize the services available from a provider organization of their choice;

Providers will still be licensed and certified by the state;

CCOs won't have to credential dozens of provider agencies;

And this bill will not interfere with a CCO's ability to negotiate a contract tailored to the needs of their subscribers and community.

Sincerely,

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