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TO: House-Health Care Committee  
(Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs Keny-Guyer and Thompson and Committee Members)

FROM: Frank Hanna-Williams, Executive Director

DATE: April 9, 2013

RE: HB 2020-3

As a Director of a small rural behavioral health agency, I am keenly aware of the importance of the current Health Care Transformation process being initiated across the state of Oregon. I support the creation of Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO's) and I am thrilled with the possibilities of true service innovation leading to better care at lower cost in the years to come.

Additionally, I am also realistic about the impact of multiple changes on the service providers that often trickle down and create barriers to good service delivery. HB 2020-3 would bring together CCO's and provider organizations to develop rules for uniform standards for the credentialing of behavioral health providers. This will have a tremendous impact on the credentialing of providers who serve multiple regions, eliminating repetitive procedures and administrative costs that are potential barriers to better care.

The challenges facing Health Care Transformation are staggering. The goals and objectives of this process are best served when barriers can be eliminated. This bill addresses some of those barriers. I support HB 2020-3.