



Testimony in support of the -14 Amendment to HB 2902

The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians strongly supports the patient centered primary care home (PCPCH) reforms and greatly appreciates the legislative support which has accelerated these reform initiatives in Oregon. Our work is not finished and redesign of the current health care financing system, which inadequately funds primary care and does not support many of the key elements of the team based PCPCH model, is the next essential step. Rate adjustments alone in the current system will not support the PCPCH model of care.

In the 2011 session, the OAFP opposed legislation (SB 210) that would have increased payments for primary care — including increased payment to family physicians — to 150% of Medicare because it perpetuated a broken fee-for-service payment system. HB 2902, as introduced, is flawed in the same way.

OAFP support the -14 amendment to HB 2902 because nurse practitioners and physician assistants play an important role in the health care system, especially in rural Oregon. The -14 amendment increases reimbursement to those nurse practitioners and physician assistants who:

- Work in rural areas
- Practice independently and
- Provide primary care and mental health services.

OAFP believes the -14 amendment would provide an equitable interim solution while Oregon works on payment transformation for the health care system.

We encourage you to oppose HB 2902 in its current form and support the -14 amendment.

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