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Health Share of Oregon Comments on HB 2020

Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2020, the -7 amendments of which would require Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to accept the state's licensing process as a proxy for the organizational assessment of mental health and addictions programs performed by CCOs and other health plans prior to contracting with those programs. CCOs contract with the State to provide high quality, high value, coordinated care to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members. Health Share of Oregon is the state's largest CCO, serving approximately 165,000 members in the Tri-County area. Health Share was created through collaboration of 11 existing organizations that serve OHP members, including three mental health organizations, and is organized as a private non-profit corporation.

Health Share applauds the effort of Representative Nancy Nathanson and the proponents of this legislation to streamline the organizational assessment process and reduce administrative burdens for this important group of providers. Representative Nathanson led a collaborative process to develop these amendments that are acceptable to CCOs, health plans, and mental health and addictions providers alike. These consensus amendments will achieve the reduction in administrative burden desired by the providers in a way that will not increase administrative burden or risk for CCOs or health plans.

We urge your support for adoption of the -7 amendments and passage of the bill as amended.

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