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of Children's Programs

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SENATE HEALTH CARE & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**HB 2020-A7**

I am Janet Arenz, Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. We have 43 member organizations throughout Oregon, all of whom will have some kind of relationship with a CCO, and most of whom will want to deliver services to clients in the membership of a CCO.

HB 2020, as amended, greatly reduces the costs, time delays for services to clients, and amount of staff time directed away from clients, by the credentialing process.

With the engagement of the CCOs and the priority commitment everyone gave to working on the bill, we ended up with a great product that we all agreed to. Our thanks to the CCO representatives who contributed their expertise to the process.

I want to thank chief sponsor Representative Nathanson for her leadership and ability to convene all the parties and get to a happy ending. Thank you also to Committee member sponsors Senator Shields and Senator Knopp for supporting the significant possibilities the bill represented.

Attached to our comments is a letter of support from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. They have endorsed our work they have agreed to participate in the administrative rule process if we need their technical assistance; or need to know how other collaboratives have solved problems, as we work through the process to make this bill a reality.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to the committee's decision on this bill, and hope it will be a "Do Pass" recommendation.

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(Electronic letter)

Oregon Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee  
Salem, Oregon

Re: Oregon House Bill 2020-A7

Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson, Vice-Chair Kruse, and Committee Members,

The National Committee for Quality Assurance commends the efforts of your state to streamline the credentialing process for provider organizations through collaboration and coordination of the organizations that contract with them and which must comply with state, federal and accrediting body requirements for quality assurance.

We have reviewed and support the current version of HB 2020 and amendments A7 dated May 21, 2013. NCQA supports organizations that wish to improve the efficiency of the credentialing process by reducing duplicative reviews of provider organizations. NCQA notes in several of our accreditation standards and guidelines what we expect of organizations that utilize collaboratives (e.g. CR 8, Element A: Review and Approval of Provider Organizations). We believe the language in HB 2020 Section (6) and supporting amendments noted in A7 reflect the intent of the type of collaboratives NCQA recognizes in our accreditation programs.

We appreciate the opportunity to support this important policy work. If you have questions or would like additional information about our policies, please contact me at [toppe@ncqa.org](mailto:toppe@ncqa.org) or (202) 955-1744.

Sincerely,

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National Committee for Quality Assurance

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