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Health Share of Oregon Support for HB 4108

Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

Health Share of Oregon is the state's largest coordinated care organization (CCO), serving approximately 185,000 members in the Tri-County area. Health Share was created through collaboration of 11 existing organizations that serve Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members and is organized as a private non-profit corporation. We support HB 4108, which proposes a pilot project to establish a system for repurposing durable medical equipment that is no longer medically appropriate for a particular medical assistance recipient to be used by other medical assistance recipients.

The pilot focuses on repurposing critical pieces of equipment such as Complex Rehab Technology Wheelchairs, hospital beds and lifts, and high volume but lower cost items such as oxygen concentrators. This innovative concept may allow us to improve patient outcomes and satisfaction while controlling costs. Further, this pilot supports CCOs' interest in delivering flexible benefits under a global budget to enhance service to our members. Upon demonstrating proof of concept, the pilot project could be expanded to benefit additional populations.

Health Share applauds Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer for championing this concept in furtherance of the Triple Aim and looks forward to continued collaboration with other CCOs interested in participating in the pilot. We also hope to continue to work with Members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly to develop programs like this.

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