



February 11, 2015

Re: CCO Testimony on HB 2421



Members of the House Committee on Health Care:



The undersigned coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and organizations that work with them thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2421. This bill, as introduced, would make the currently voluntary Medicaid Mental Health Preferred Drug List (PDL) mandatory for all fee-for-service Medicaid members and make CCOs responsible for management of the mental health prescription drug benefit. While we support the State's willingness to begin to enforce the current voluntary mental health PDL, we believe that transferring management of mental health drugs to CCOs requires a more thoughtful process with broad stakeholder input. As such, we encourage your support for the more measured approach suggested by the -2 amendments.



Our concerns with HB 2421 as introduced relate to the timeline and process for transferring the management of this new benefit to CCOs. Mental health drugs have been carved out of prescription drug management, so there is no organization that has experience managing this benefit for the Oregon Health Plan population. In order to successfully transfer management of the benefit to the CCOs and avoid patient and system destabilization, the OHA should undertake a more deliberate process with meaningful stakeholder engagement. Stakeholders that should be involved in development of a more deliberate process for transferring management of the benefit to CCOs include: consumers of mental health drugs, psychiatric prescribers, pharmaceutical policy experts, and clinical staff of CCOs.



The -2 amendments are a good starting point for a discussion of a more deliberate and collaborative process. We request more time to work with other stakeholders to develop a set of amendments that is acceptable to the majority of those involved.



Respectfully submitted by:



- AllCare Health Plan
- Architrave
- CareOregon
- Coalition for a Healthy Oregon (representing 8 organizations working with CCOs statewide)
- Columbia Pacific CCO
- Doctors of the Oregon Coast South (DOCS)
- Eastern Oregon CCO
- FamilyCare
- Health Share of Oregon
- Jackson Care Connect
- PacificSource Community Solutions
- PrimaryHealth of Josephine County
- Trillium Community Health Plans
- WVP Health Authority

