



## **HB 2697 will help break down the health care silos inside the Oregon Health Authority**

Oregon has gone through a massive, one of a kind health care transformation, which created a more integrated delivery system by breaking down the silos between physical, mental and dental health. While Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and providers are creating new, innovative ways to improve care for Oregon Health Plan Members, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has not transformed.

One area that has not benefited from transformation is the silos of the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (MAP) and the Division of Addictions and Mental Health (AMH). While mental health and physical health are merging at the delivery level, they are still divided inside the OHA. This division at the agency level creates mixed messages to the CCOs and often program redundancies inside the delivery systems (much like we saw at the patient level before CCOs were created).

HB 2697 would create a reporting body which would oversee this process of integration between MAP, AMH and other parts of the OHA. This oversight body would not only be able to give CCOs and the Legislature the assurance of merging these entities but would also be a valuable resource to the agency in helping to ensure the changes being made are resulting in positive changes for the whole system.

CCOs have broken down the health care silos at delivery level, and HB 2697 will break down those same silos at the government level.

**We encourage your support of HB 2697**