

TALKING POINTS

SB 900: BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL LEGISLATION TO INCREASE HEALTH CARE PRICE TRANSPARENCY

- **Patients want to be able to access health care pricing data in a user-friendly way.** Oregon hospitals are dedicated to helping consumers in the state access this information.
- In the past, Oregon had a website to display health care pricing data, but that site is no longer operational. **SB 900 would direct the OHA to revise and re-launch its health care pricing website.**
- **SB 900 has the support of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLC) and other health care leaders.**
- The website would enable consumers to search the average prices paid by commercial health plans for common inpatient and outpatient procedures. **This information will be useful to patients as they contemplate hospital procedures and seek an understanding of the costs they might incur.**
- The state already has a comprehensive database of prices paid for the most common health care procedures, so **the administrative burden would be minimal.** The bill ensures minimal budgetary impact through a flexible website development model. There is no cost for data acquisition because the database already exists.
- Today Oregon scores very low on scorecards from national groups that track price transparency in health care. The national group Catalyst for Payment Reform, which scores states on price transparency, has indicated that **in order to earn an “A” grade, Oregon must implement laws or regulations stipulating that the public have access to price information online** for a wide array of procedures from hospitals and providers. **SB 900 would fulfill that requirement and help the state move to an “A” on this important scorecard.**
- At a time when Oregonians have information on most decisions at their fingertips, **SB 900 would give patients the ability to make informed healthcare decisions based on unbiased state data.**

How You Can Help

SB 900 is a health care price transparency bill that has industry-wide support from health care leaders. It will enable Oregon to become a leader in price transparency and ensure that Oregonians have access to the information they need to make informed health care decisions.