



Health Share of Oregon

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Health Share of Oregon Comments on SB 902

Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood:

Health Share of Oregon is the state's largest Medicaid coordinated care organization (CCO), serving more than 235,000 Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. Our organization was founded and continues to be governed by eleven familiar health care organizations serving OHP members. We are writing to express our support for SB 902.

SB 902 removes a sunset on a 2013 law that requires CCOs, to the extent practicable, to collaborate with a number of health, education and human services programs serving children in development of CCO community health needs assessments (CHNA) and community health improvement plans (CHIP).

Since 2013, Health Share has worked extensively with organizations serving children to carry out our health transformation efforts. Examples of these efforts include:

- Hiring a full FTE to serve children under DHS care
- Staff that co-chairs the State's Child and Family Well-being Measures Workgroup
- Staff that serve on the Washington County School Based Health Center Steering Committee
- Staff involvement in early learning hub development
- Staff that is actively involved in a workgroup on developing alternative payment methodologies for school based health centers in Multnomah County
- Investment of Transformation Fund dollars to spread the Healthy Homes Asthma program from Multnomah County to all three counties in our service area
- Funding of the Future Generations Collaborative, which identifies and addresses the causes of substance-exposed pregnancies among 15-24 year old women in urban Native communities
- Expansion of access to wraparound services to children with emotional and behavioral disorders

Most importantly, our Board of Directors has identified Prevention of Poor Health Outcomes for Children and Pregnant Women as one of two strategic priorities. We look forward to continuing this work and request your support for SB 902.

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