



**AOCMHP TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 901**

May 5, 2015

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

The Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP) supports SB 901, to require insurers to reimburse providers directly for medical, surgical and nursing services provided to people with insurance benefits. We appreciate the inclusion of mental health services in the reimbursement categories and would add addictions treatment or use the term “behavioral health” to include both mental health and addictions.

Community mental health programs commonly have to fund gaps in insurance coverage through state and county general funds for people who are insured, and although this bill does not solve the problem completely, it will at least provide reimbursement to CMHPs for behavioral health services that are covered by insurance companies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 901.

Sincerely,

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