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The Honorable Monnes Anderson
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2028, Clinical pharmacy reimbursement

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and members of the committee:

On behalf of Providence Health & Services, thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for House Bill 2028. Engaging clinical pharmacists as a member of the care team is an important part of our ability to provide each patient with an integrated care experience.

Clinical pharmacists are highly qualified and able, within their current scope of practice, to provide direct patient care. By recognizing them as providers through collaborative agreements, House Bill 2028 takes an important step toward ensuring that patients receive timely, appropriate information about their health and treatment. This is particularly important for delivering safe and effective care to patients needing comprehensive drug therapy management.

Health systems, like Providence, recognize the expertise of clinical pharmacists and their role as an integral part of improving patient outcomes and population health. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for House Bill 2028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri Bianco", written in a cursive style.

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