

To: Senate Committee on Health Care
From: Pamela Edinger and Mark Snodgrass, Corvallis
Date: May 14, 2015
Re: Testimony in Support of HB 2758

Chair Monnes Anderson and the members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

We are the parents of two young adult daughters who are both covered under an employer group health insurance plan through our small business in Corvallis. One daughter, age 24, lives and works in Eugene and one daughter is a 21-year-old college student in Salem. Our daughters have complete autonomy for their healthcare decisions. We encourage our daughters to seek any health treatment they feel they might need, and to use our family health insurance to cover the cost of the services.

Our daughters are more likely to seek the medical treatment they need if they are assured of complete confidentiality, particularly for sensitive health services. The health insurer's practice of sending an EOB to us, as the policy subscriber, undermines that confidentiality. Our daughters' rights to complete confidentiality in their medical treatment outweigh any rights we have to know about details of claims being made under our family's insurance policy.

We do not want our daughters to forgo or delay treatment out of a concern about confidentiality. We want no barriers to our daughters' willingness to obtain medical treatment. HB 2758 eliminates a barrier. By allowing a patient to have the insurer's communication redirected to an address of their choosing, instead of to the policyholder, the patient's confidentiality is protected. We believe HB 2758 will help ensure that our adult daughters will feel free to access all the medical treatment they need.

Thank you,

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