



PacificSource Testimony on SB523, -A6

Chair Greenlick and members of the House Health Care Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the –A6 amendment to SB523A. PacificSource is an independent, not for profit health plan, based in Oregon. We serve commercial, Medicaid and Medicare lives and are the contracted Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) in Central Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge.

After careful consideration and much discussion, we would like to acknowledge our support for the – A6 amendment negotiated with several insurers and the Oregon Medical Association and Oregon Nurses Association.

The bill requires insurers to notify providers that an enrollee is in a grace period when they fail to pay premiums for a qualified health plan. This amendment modifies the requirements for notifying the provider by outlining that a health care provider must request the information within seven business days of the procedure and the insurer provides the information within two business days. We believe this provides reasonable sidebar around the underlying bill.

After several proposed concepts to find compromise, we believe this provide a reasonable solution. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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