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Comments on SB 1531

Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are private entities that contract with the State to provide high quality, community based, Medicaid services to Oregon Health Plan members. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 1531, which would make several significant changes to the way that CCOs operate.

Senator Bates made a tremendous effort to bring together all of the CCOs to develop legislation to support sustainability of the coordinated care model. In anticipation of this, the majority of CCOs came together to agree on a number of issues that we felt were ongoing challenges that could be addressed in this abbreviated Legislative Session. Many of these consensus issues are incorporated into SB 1531.

We actively participated in several meetings convened by Senator Bates. While we appreciate the time spent trying to achieve consensus, the bill includes issues beyond those initially identified by the CCOs. These issues are more complex and do not currently enjoy unanimous support. Columbia Pacific CCO, Eastern Oregon CCO, Health Share of Oregon, Jackson Care Connect, PacificSource Community Solutions Columbia Gorge CCO, and PacificSource Community Solutions Central Oregon CCO continue to have concerns with some components of this bill.

We are comfortable with the following provisions in SB 1531-1:

1. Section 1(2): defined benefit package that can only be changed once per year
2. Section 1(6): advanced notice of specific requirements and outcomes CCOs must satisfy for incentive payments
3. Section 3: OHA requirements around public reporting
4. Section 5 (d)(G): CCO enrollment
5. Section 6: eligibility determination timelines

We thank Senator Bates for the opportunity to participate in this important discussion. We look forward to future collaboration on policies that support the sustainability of the coordinated care model.

Sincerely,

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Eastern Oregon CCO
Health Share of Oregon
Jackson Care Connect

PacificSource Community Solutions Columbia
Gorge CCO
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