

**Senate Health Care Committee
Oregon State Legislature
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RE: SB-1531**

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**Attention: Chair, Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson; Vice-Chair, Senator Jeff Kruse; Member,
Senator Chip Shields; Member, Senator Tim Knopp**

**I would like to submit two suggestions for inclusion into Oregon's
Coordinated Care Organizations contracts into this bill.**

- 1. To include the CMS - medicaid billable and recognized job title/classification "peer support specialist" everywhere the other job/title classifications: "peer wellness specialist" and "community health worker" are refereed to in the CCO contract.**
- 2. To include in the CCO contract language, a guaranteed service benefit of "peer support services" to be available and offered to all individuals living with severe and persistent mental illness who are receiving behavioral health services treatment in Oregon's system.**