

March 8, 2017

Chair Mitch Greenlick
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon House of Representatives

RE: Oppose HB 2882

Dear Chair Greenlick and Committee Members,

Although we firmly support Oregon's health care transformation goals and objectives and are committed to them via Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization and our DCO, I write today on behalf of Moda Health to say we do not support **HB 2882**.

We also deeply appreciate Representatives Keny-Guyer and Haydon's efforts to fully integrate dental care into our coordinated care health care transformation agenda. However, a Board seat does not guarantee meaningful integration of oral and physical health. It is far more important that the goal of integration be defined and expectation of its inclusion in Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) be set by the legislature- this is currently being considered in other bills. Once defined by the legislature, the follow through and actual creation of the CHIP plans happen in the CCO committee structure not at the board level. It is critical that the DCO perspective be included during the formation stage. It is not necessary to have a Board position to achieve integration, which could unintentionally limit CCO's access to other DCO's who are doing terrific work across the State.

Moreover, better CCO/DCO integration can happen by leveraging existing requirements of CCO's that would focus on better integration of Oral Health.

For example, please consider the following:

Quality Measures:

Selecting a CCO quality measure that focuses on integration between CCO's/DCO's. For example, Oral Evaluation for Adults with Diabetes or follow up after ED visits for Dental reasons. The quality measures have historically brought entities together to work on new initiatives to improve results and this is shown by the evidence in improved quality measure performance throughout the State.

CCO Transformation Plans:

The 2017-2019 CCO transformation plans could have an element that focuses on CCO/DCO integration. The current transformation plans do not have a dental component.

CCO Performance Improvement Projects (PIP's):

Similar to the transformation plans a CCO PIP could focus on CCO/DCO integration.

In summary, we think the State in collaboration with the CCO's and DCO's should work together to better define what better integration may look like in their communities rather than mandating another board seat.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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