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Re: House Bill 2979

Chair Greenlick and members of the House Committee on Health Care:

We are submitting testimony today to express concern about a possible drafting error in HB 2979.

Section 1 lines 7 and 8 of the printed bill remove the current statutory exemption of Medicaid funded long term care services from the definition of health services. It is our understanding that this significant policy change was not contemplated nor the intent of HB 2979.

The decision made by the legislature and governor to exclude Medicaid funded long term care services from CCO global budgets was not taken lightly and was discussed extensively at the time Oregon's health care transformation legislation was passed.

We just want to note for the record that we believe language in section 1 of the printed bill needs to be revised to assure Medicaid funded long term care services are excluded from services covered under CCO global budgets.

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